

University Library Committee Minutes

Date: March 15, 2007

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Library Board Room

Chair: Dr. Steven Craig

Members Present: Steven Craig, Eileen Hitchingham, JongKoo Han, Caryl Gray, Werner Kohler, Mayuresh Patil, Fleur Gooden

Guest: Gail McMillan

1. Welcome and Introduction New Member / Chair (Eileen Hitchingham)

Due to Dr. Berry's new job position and relocation out of state Dr. Steven Craig will be substituting as committee chair and representative for Veterinary Medicine.

2. Digital Library and Archives (Gail McMillan)

The Digital Library and Archives (DLA) department in the University Libraries began in 2000 with the merger of the Scholarly Communications Project and Special Collections Department. The Scholarly Communications Project focus since 1991 has been to work with the University community to host born-digital works such as faculty-edited electronic journals and electronic thesis and dissertations (ETD's) completed by VT graduate students. Special Collections focuses on preserving and providing access to rare books, manuscript collections, and the University Archives.

Additionally, DLA creates online resources such as the IAWA Biographical Database and hosts a growing number of faculty projects and VT publications. Virginia Tech Digital Imaging provides services for digital archival preservation, 3D scanning. CD duplication, document scanning, and archival quality color printing of research and other academic related material. Digital Imaging has already been scanning and digitizing architectural drawings and blue prints within Special Collections. Together with Digital Imaging, DLA also provides access to digitized Special Collections' materials such as photographs through the VT ImageBase.

Last fall Digital Imaging purchased a book scanner and started scanning some of the culinary history books that are out of copyright. The efficiency and technology of this scanner greatly minimize the risk of damage to fragile books during the scanning process.

3. Faculty Searches (Eileen Hitchingham)

Current faculty searches include:

1. Science Librarian (Economics, Math, Statistics)
2. Performing Arts and Foreign Languages Librarian (Foreign Languages, Music, Theatre Arts)