

SOM Faculty Senate Library Committee

13 May 09, 10 am
New Shiffman Library

Minutes

1. Attendance: K. Nantwi, T. Stemmler, D. Stockton, R. Mattingly (chair), S. Martin (Librarian), R. Spalding (ex officio). Apologies: S. Cala, R.P. Rajarethinam, M. Huttemann, A. Greb, M. Jena.

2. Welcome to D. Stockton (new member of committee) from Genetics and Pediatrics.

3. Tour of new Shiffman Library facility in the medical Education Commons. The new library is 33,000 sq. ft (down from 69,000 sq ft). Emphasis in the new design is on the people. For example, shelving has been further reduced in the open area and the number of student study rooms has been increased to 13 (from 4 in old Shiffman). The collection is post-1980, with earlier volumes stored remotely (either Rackham or basement of undergrad library) and available on request in a target of 1-2 days.

Shiffman remains open to the community and, with its new frontage on Canfield, that usage may increase. Public terminals will be available on time-limited basis, but not all library services are available to the public.

One issue that could arise may be from the expected large number of M.S.U. D.O. students on the DMC/Hutzel site. The wireless in Shiffman is WSU network protected, and so will not allow MSU students to access their MSU-provided electronic resources remotely.

Another potential concern could be groundwater. The new library is in what was formerly the basement level of the building, which used to suffer periodic water problems at times of intense rain. Improved landscaping and drainage is intended to prevent this type of problem in the new facility.

3. Update on library website re-design. Please review the new library website design and provide feedback to S. Martin. The WSU SOM homepage should have a direct link to Shiffman.

3. Preparation for forthcoming serials renewals. Currently, there is WSU library system review being developed.

4. Upcoming events: 1. A posting for the position of Library Director (S. Martin is currently Interim director) is expected from Dean Yee's office in June. 2. Committee appointments end in June; thank you to Drs Cala, Nantwi, and Stemmler (whose current terms end in 6/09) for indicating their willingness to be re-appointed.

Adjourned at 11.45 am.