

**Biological and Physical Sciences Library
Strategic Planning Task Force Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2008
Library East Conference Room**

Members Present: Linda Bartoshuk, Michele Crump, Vernon Kisling, Anthony Gonzalez, Michele Tennant, Eric Triplett, Christine Wiese

Members Absent: Keith Douglas, Daniel Driscoll, Elisa Livengood, Charlotte Porter, Robert Watson

Meeting called to order at 2:30pm with a brief round of introductions.

Michele Crump, Interim Director for Technology Services, gave a brief report on the purpose of the Task Force.

Michele has been reviewing LibQual+ Survey results and comments gleaned from the Marston Science Library Faculty retreat last week.

There is a [web page](#) and a [blog](#) for this Task Force.

The Task Force reviewed [survey results](#) and discussed recommendations in five different areas: Library Surveys and Studies, Library Resources, Library Space, Services, and Service Expectations. Emphasis was placed on requests for a streamlined web presence and more access to e-journals and databases. Faculty would prefer that future book budgets be used to buy back titles of e-journals as opposed to new titles. A suggestion was made to re-subscribe to the Grants Database. Additional topics included proper use of space, renovations, librarian liaisons, and the proposed SUS Shared Storage Facility.

The detailed comments from a second survey were reviewed. It was agreed that a 24-hour waiting period for stored materials is fine as long as content is made available. Faculty liked the idea of providing a research study area in which researchers could browse resources that had been pulled ahead of time at ALF. Web 2.0 technology was discussed and tagging was given a low priority, while Wikis and Vivo were deemed useful for sharing research projects in specific subject areas. Other observations included: overall the electronic resources collections seem to meet the needs of undergraduates. Faculty expressed concern about the research quality the collections for graduate and faculty study needs. The task force agreed that collection building should focus on purchasing more electronic content – the trend of buying less print and more electronic formats should continue. Lists of new title purchases in sorted by subject areas should be widely distributed. Web portals created by subject library liaisons was encouraged; especially if the site could offer more direct links to journals and databases. Book pick-up and drop-off services in multiple locations on and off campus were suggested.

Michele will prioritize the recommendation list and send it to Task Force members via e-mail for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.