Metro Campus Liberians’ Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2018 at 9:30 AM
MC Library Think Tank

We waited a few minutes for remaining staff to come to the meeting. The agenda order was modified until the remaining librarians arrived, and the meeting proceeded.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda was approved. Melissa noted that the running agendas are in OneDrive, both consent and meeting agenda, for all to access. One item Melissa wanted to highlight is that Amy is now also on the eCore team and will be working with the Psych group for the online class and eCore resources for Blackboard, with the first meeting coming up on April 27. Resources must be at no cost and online. There was some more general discussion.

Welcome Week Summer 2018

Dr. Stone wants Metro to be a more welcoming campus, especially during the first week of each semester. He asked for ideas of what we could do as a campus and as a library. A few ideas were discussed about what the Library might be able to do, in addition to noting that staff may also help volunteer at the information and help tables that will again be located at various places on campus.

Please email Melissa back with any ideas you have, especially any unusual ideas.

Side note: Many of the conference center staff will be located at various locations on the Metro Campus, in particular on the 3rd floor and in the Student Union area that have under-used spaces.

E-Resources Databases Review by Emily and the Website/E-Resources workgroup

Librarians at each campus have been requested to list their favorites, not used much, and propose a new e-resource or database. Bob handed out a list containing all of the MC librarians’ responses as well as including the responses from the other campus libraries. There was some discussion about the process of selection including what databases to keep, what could be cancelled, and ideas for new e-resources. We noted that Emily has reassured us that CINAHL and Ovid will be renewed.

Side note: While discussing the databases and just after and the Website/E-Resources team efforts, we discussed MC WCAG work (2.1 to 2.4) on LibGuides by the MC librarians. We noted that our LibGuides review does not have much to do with 2.1 and 2.2, but that 2.3 and 2.4 are more applicable. We discussed some 2.4 issues noted when using the “WAVE” utility for testing website accessibility. Two particular areas included duplicate link entries and visual contrast. Bob noted prior website team use of WAVE and improvements made regarding contrast for examples. We also noted breadcrumbs are used in the LibGuides but a site-map is used on the Home pages. Bob will check into all of this, especially the possibility of a site-map for the LibGuides and to take our notes to the Website & E-Resources team for their current working agenda. All links in our LibGuides should be tested. We noted the main topic for
the May 4 Librarians’ meeting is a LibGuides review lead by Kathryn, and then all campus librarians’ will work on checking and updating their LibGuides.

Pearls from ODL (CHIS) workshop: Development Disabilities using NLM Resources

Adam will send invites so all librarians can access the information he has in his health certification folder. Adam came across a handout in these resources. There are “Trevor Project” materials that may be a bit out of date with regard to communication with and about people with disabilities, and a website that features various resources.

Round Table

There are several new Bergey’s paperback items to add to the Metro Campus Reserves and Circulation.

Business and I.T. electronic textbooks will mostly be from Cengage. McGraw Hill will also be coming out with a model next year.

The New SE Building under construction will be focused on Career Services.

There is suspicion (not definite) that the TU paralegal program is shutting down, maybe this year or next, and if so we expect that our TCC paralegal program may grow as a result. The paralegal field is growing and there will be more entry-level jobs.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 AM.