

Present: Howard Pollack-Milgate, Carol Smith, Donnie Sendelbach, Brian Howard, Humberto Barreto, Dave Berque, Rick Provine, Ken Kirkpatrick, Anne Harris

[Corrected after meeting via email.]

Anne Harris: Update on Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting and role of committee in communication strategy.

We showed them a ppt and a 30 second video.

Ppt: A 21st Century Library for DePauw: Access, Collaboration, Community. Pitched an academic tradition of collaboration. Celebrate it. Dick ran with this to RATIO and Kevin Huse then came and met with library, staff, students, and faculty. At BOT, we informed them and got an enthusiastic response.

We need to rewrite case statement for fund raising. Library as academic heart of campus. We've got Hoover, etc. Mind, body, spirit. Appeal to pride in the academic enterprise. Lot of work with Kevin on contemporary technology. Ppt shows vision of open entry way. Beautiful spaces with lots of light.

Uncertainty on where the Technology Center is housed. Unsure where it will go. Many decisions still need to be made.

Showed floor plans. Café and reception space. Walkabout spaces. Lots more collaborative spaces—from current 10 cramped ones to 25 spacious ones, expansion of 12K sq ft. Two story reading room that floods space with light. Will create a strong community with faculty presence in the library reading spaces that we don't currently have in significant numbers.

Tech center vision is mutable spaces and doors can create smaller or bigger spaces. Investment in visualization and immersive spaces. Faculty members have thus far been enthusiastic and says the technology has the potential to really set us apart.

Outside loss of parking but spectacular entry on Indiana Ave. Campus flows into dorms and the "Indiana corridor." Night views.

All of this is contingent on funding. Prudent yet compelling. ADA compliance. There is optimism. Basically 18 months. If can't raise funds, we break ground on the limited, current, \$5M project.

Rick then presented on why libraries matter and comparing what we have now and what we should have. Williams and other LA colleges have invested heavily in libraries.

Applause and positive response from BOT.

Dave: Donor has clear goal to increase technology for *all* students. Wants students to create visualization. FITS tending to help faculty and new center focusing on students, but lots of overlap.

Anne: Enabling students to be producers of knowledge is the key.

Anne: On communication, this committee can host an information meeting. How would we construct such a meeting on the Tech Center?

Dave: We could present information on the goals of the center and what kind of Director we want. Maybe in a month?

Carol: Inform campus on donor's intent. Interested in programming, not for building or physical infrastructure. Many options and flexibility. Visualization center, but many ways to do this. Need to gather information on needs and what faculty want.

Dave: Yes, great opportunity to shape the center.

Rick: We need to communicate where we are at.

Anne: Complicated because some things are truly happening and other things contingent. Director position is key. Director will be crucial in developing programs, making decisions. Will Director sit on this committee? Will this committee have representation on the search for the Director? Goal is to have a Director in place by this fall. No outside search firm will be used.

Dave: One or two open meetings? Many interested in library and maybe fewer into technology aspect. Need more input on tech side than library side.

Anne: Important to maintain the reality that all is contingent on funding. Still at concept stage, but want to shape and move it forward. Also a McDermond Center open meeting. Coordinate with Jeff Kenney as a Faculty Development opportunity?

Carol: Open communication helps inform everyone, visitors on campus, etc. Indirect but ways.

Dave: Open faculty meeting March 14th seems available. Ask Bridget.

Anne: Could have ½ hour on various topics. Keep me in the loop on scheduling. The New Centers at DePauw meeting can be announced in fac meeting.

Howard: Timeline for contributions?

Anne: Already started. Going on road. Case statement is key. Name carrels OK, but won't get it done piecemeal. Need champions.

Ken: Employee campaign.

Dave: Missed it. Materials went out Friday. Has a box for Academic Department or Program of your choice, and perhaps interested employees can indicate the library here.

Adjourned. 8:53am.

Next meeting: TBA