

# 10/29/20 Minutes of Library and Research Technologies Council, Sul Ross State University

Present: Jesse Kelsch, Kris Jorgenson, David Leaver, Thomas Shiller, Betsy Evans (guest).

Minutes taken by Jesse Kelsch

No agenda set prior to meeting. Group discusses:

1. Electing a chair. Kris Jorgenson nominates Jesse Kelsch. David Leaver seconds. All in favor. Jesse Kelsch is chair.
2. Review responsibilities of Library Council.
3. Consensus of this council is to recruit RGC faculty to be on this council at the Nov 30 Faculty Assembly meeting which is joint with RGC. Jesse Kelsch will contact Kathy Stein about this ahead of Nov 2 Faculty Assembly meeting to not take up FA meeting time. Council charge states 7 members, so we either add a member to charge, or one of current members leaves the council. David Leaver, whose term expires 9/2021, volunteered to do so if that is decision.
4. Betsy Evans discusses student scholarships from passport revenue, to reward students who are doing good library research
  - a. Might it connect to Student Research Symposium? Or maybe that should not be a requirement of level of research
  - b. How to make awards to students: Cash disrupts Financial Aid so avoid cash. Library Council and staff in past discussed gift cards. Today we discussed award that supports research and pays for conferences
  - c. Students would submit an app stating how they plan to use the library's resources in their research, regardless of whether connected to SRS or McNair
  - d. Betsy Evans suggests three total awards each round: (1) grad (2) undergrad (3) freshman
  - e. This scholarship includes RGC
5. OER discussion: Open Educational Resources
  - a. "Open Access" is not the same: Faculty beware... These are online resources rented from publishers
  - b. Betsy Evans says to be aware of pirated material as well.
  - c. April Aultman-Becker has already produced an informative web page summarizing OER. Library Council can help promote among faculty
6. Collections
  - a. Faculty can tell librarians to purchase things
  - b. Library would like there to be more demand from faculty from ALL parts of campus
  - c. Elizabeth Davis is best contact whether for books or for digital database collections e.g. journals
7. Group decides Library Council can meet quarterly
8. Meeting adjourned 5pm