

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Monday, September 23, 2019

The meeting came to order at 11:35

GEORGE AULISIO and DEAN KRATZ background on the 2nd floor renovation. The Library is working with Hemmler + Camayth the original architects of the building.

Prof. Aulisio reported on the focus group results. The focus groups were hosted by Dr. Geri Barber in the Counseling and Human Services dept. Each focus group consisted of between 10 to 15 students. Some highlights from those groups were that students thought the lighting on the second floor was poor, but that issue has already been addressed with LED Cam lighting.

Another comment from the focus groups was that some of the furniture in the building was dirty and dated. Over the summer those items were identified and were either discarded or cleaned.

The students really like group study rooms and want more. This fact resulted in a change in the architectural plans. There are now an additional eight study rooms in the new plans.

Evidence shows that students are not really using reference books so they may be moved to the basement if they are old and not being used.

Prof. Aulisio added that the Interlibrary Loan Office was moved downstairs to the 1st floor. That empty space on two will become collaborative teaching space.

Dean Kratz reported that the renovations come with a 2.1 million dollar price tag. He has presented to the Provost and Tom Kinnon. They were going to see if they could include part or all of it in the Capital Campaign. They have asked us to ask the architects if we can space out the project in phases. We are going to look for donors for this project as well. The Friends have committed to a \$100,000 gift.

Dr. Bruch asked if the request was in the form of a letter? She believes it's important to have something in writing before Charles leaves. She also asked if our student government representative was in attendance because she felt a letter from them would be helpful.

The main changes and enhancements are that the information is arranged by audience: Services for Faculty, Services for Students, and Information Literacy Program.

Librarian department representatives are found under Research and Instruction - <https://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/infolit/liaisons.shtml>

She added that feedback is always welcome.

Prof. Witek continued by announcing new content, the Information Literacy Instructional Services Link - <https://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/infolit/instructionalservices.shtml> As part of the redesign, the updated landing page of the Bonnie W. Oldham Research Prize is found at: <https://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/infolit/researchprize/index.shtml> Bonnie's bio has also