Library Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2015 - Noon – 1:30 PM  
Room 204, Tisch Library

**Present:** Daniel Abramson (Chair); Ning Ma; David Garman; Richard Weiss; Ron Lasser; Marc Hodes; Chip Gidney; Rachel Bonoan, GSC Student Representative; **Ex Officio Member:** Laura C. Wood

**Absent:** Pawan Dhingra; Daniele Lantagne; Sara Lewis; Christiana Olfert; **Ex Officio Member:** Laura Walters

**Not Yet Appointed:** TCU Senate Student Representatives

**Guest:** Evan Simpson, Head of Research and Instruction, Tisch Library

1. **Chair's Welcome and Member Introductions:** *Daniel Abramson, Chair*
   
   Danny welcomed the members of the Library Committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves and to answer the following questions: *Why did you want to join the committee? What issues are important to you?* Responses ranged from valuing the library’s rich resources: print, electronic, and human as well as the collaborative and other study/meeting spaces; the ability to give the perspective of a junior faculty member in the Humanities to the library's administration; and acting both as messenger to the grad students re: changes in the libraries that will impact them and to the library administration re: the needs of the grad students. Committee members act as sounding board, advisory group, and ambassador to/for their constituencies. Members have the opportunity to request agenda topics for the remaining FY16 meetings.

2. **Director's Update (see attached):** *Laura Wood, Director, Tisch Library*
   
   Laura asked for questions and/or comments re: the update information. Questions arose re: the DeEtta Jones & Associates (DJA) review and recommendations. Laura summarized the events, outcome, and current status, and encouraged members to read related materials on the Library Committee wiki: [DJA Tufts proposal](#), [DJA’s final report](#), [the Library Committee’s response](#) (included in full in the Library Committee’s FY15 Annual Report). Another question pertained to SOE’s involvement/input re: the library. Laura met with Dean Abriola as Linda felt needed, and meets regularly with Scott Sahagian. She will contact Dean Qu to schedule time with him. Additionally, Karen Vagts is actively involved with SOE faculty, attending faculty and other meetings regularly. The Library Committee also has increased member participation from SOE this year (3 members rather than 1).

3. **Current State of Research Data and Library Services (see attached):** *Evan Simpson, Head of Research and Instruction, Tisch Library*
   
   **Discussion:**
   - Is there an interface between TRUNK and other platforms? There isn’t a simple button, but it’s possible to link. Some members stated a preference for Box for sharing. TTS also can set up a research drive.
   - How to decide whether to use an internal or external (to Tufts) repository? Local repositories afford greater control re: access and file formats; foster a sense of community; can meet particular needs. Scholarly repositories house work together from the same fields so that a wealth of material can be discovered all in one place.
   - Need to strategize re: how to provide a larger scale of service for supporting data discovery and analysis. There are several isolated pockets of additional support in departments and at The Fletcher School. Information sharing and coordination of support/these types of resources with Josh Quan would help to broaden service across the campus.
   - What’s the difference between Josh’s work and that of the other R&I librarians? R&I staff share information with and refer cases, as needed, to each other. The subject librarian for the department is the best starting point.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM. The next Library Committee Meeting will be on November 4th from noon – 1:20 PM in the Austin Conference Room.