**Report of the Vice President for Library and Information Services**

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**1. Institutional Research Activities**

Faculty Surveys. Thank you to the nearly half of invited faculty who have participated in the FSSE (Faculty Survey of Student Engagement). Faculty will be able to participate in FSSE and the HERI Faculty survey through the beginning of May, though you will receive no more reminder emails. No major faculty surveys are currently scheduled for next year.

Senior inventory. Potential spring graduates received an email invitation to participate in the Senior Inventory on Wednesday April 16. This very simple inventory asks what students will be doing after graduation (grad school, working, volunteering, etc.). This year, we’ve also included a question asking seniors if they would like to share their non-Kenyon email addresses with the department(s) in which they majored in order to help you keep in touch. This survey is completely voluntary but if you’d like to mention to the seniors that you know how useful this information is to your departments, they’ll likely take it.

**2. Library Activities**

New membership to Lyrasis. The library recently joined this organization.  Here are some of the benefits of membership. Lyrasis, a non-profit membership organization, offers classes for information professionals ranging from "Developing a Disaster Plan" to "Preservation of Photographic Materials" and "Audio Visual Digitization".  Lyrasis also provides a variety of digitization and preservation services, as well as group deals and discounts for electronic resources and databases, such Harvard University Press e-books, Statista, and Alexander Street Press streaming video collections.

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Summer Lunch and Learn Sessions on Open Access Resolutions. In 2009 Trinity University became the first liberal arts university to endorse Open Access for sharing the scholarly work of their faculty. Many of our peer schools have since followed including Oberlin, College of Wooster, Bucknell, Hope, Amherst, Rollins, and just this month, the faculty at DePauw passed their resolution. Let’s start a campus conversation about access to information.

Why should faculty care about open access? Do you know what rights are you giving up when you sign a contract with a publisher? What is an open access resolution and what would it mean for Kenyon?

Join us this summer for a series of lunch discussions on open access as we try to answer these and many more questions. Look for emails with dates and times to RSVP.

Do more with Digital Kenyon. Increase your research impact with Digital Kenyon! Selected Works allows you to create a virtual library of your research with an easy-to-manage interface. If you want your research more discoverable and stored in a reliable repository managed and maintained by LBIS, **attend our Lunch and Learn Thursday, May 1 at 12pm**. Watch your email to RSVP.

**3. Technology Activities**

Summer Projects. Computer lab replacements via the R&R process this summer include new computers for the Horvitz Studio Art labs, the Chemistry Dept. laptop fleet, several Physics laptops and the Sophomore Physics lab, the Gund Commons computer lab, and the Crawford computer lab.  

Plans are also underway to replace the classroom technology in several classrooms, upgrading to digital HD video systems.  Rooms include Ascension 125, the Storer 029 seminar room, and the Hill 100 digital lab.  Rosse Auditorium will be receiving a new permanently installed digital projector to support the increasing number of campus events in that space.  Sam Mather 215 will be receiving a new touch screen pen display, which will match the ones already installed in SMA 201 and SMA 202.  The touch screen display allows an instructor to use the projection like a white board.

Departmental IT equipment purchases. This is a reminder to individual faculty and departments purchasing IT equipment with their own funds: please notify Anita Hooper about their purchases so that it can be tagged and inventoried. Tracking that equipment is essential to planning for replacement funding in the future!