February 4, 2015
LFPA Executive Committee Minutes

**Present:** Lea Currie, Meredith Huff, Sherry Williams, Gaele Gillespie, Leah Nelson

**Guests:** Ann Snow, Jane Hoyt

Sherry invited Ann Snow and Jane Hoyt to the LFPA Executive Committee meeting to discuss the future of LFPA and USS governance.

Ann briefed the group about how USS numbers have been declining since the Market Study was initiated. The KULSS (KU Libraries Support Staff) group met in November 2013 and it was suggested by someone present that the group disband. Ann and Jane, along with Toni Bressler, decided to volunteer to be officers so USS could still be represented. In January 2015, the Staff Senate at the University level voted to merge UPS and USS into one governance group.

With only 30 USS remaining in the Libraries, Ann and Jane are finding it difficult to have a governance body. Ann and Jane suggested that UPS and USS have many issues in common, so it makes sense for those groups to work together.

Ann and Jane addressed the issue of LFPA quorums by suggesting that USS could participate online or that perhaps the quorums could be renegotiated and changed depending on what issues are being voted on. Sherry informed them that we currently use Adobe Connect for online participants, and that even with those remote attendees, sometimes we have to round up participants for meetings.

There was general discussion about how many of the issues discussed in LFPA meetings are faculty issues, and that the concept of splitting up LFPA has come up in the past.

Sherry assured Ann and Jane that LFPA Exec would discuss this issue further. In the interim, Sherry encouraged Ann and Jane to attend our open Exec meetings.

There was general discussion about the Dean’s search, noting that an email from the Provost went out naming the chair and asking for volunteers for search committee members.

Leah updated the group about Scott Hanrath transitioning the LFPA pages to a new CMS site. As of February 4, all the updates should have been completed and the pages are live again.

Sherry informed the group that she was contacted by Fort Hays State because they were interested in learning more about our new Academic Faculty classification.

**Action Items:**

- We’ll discuss more about Ann & Jane’s suggestions at the next meeting when we’ve had time to reflect
- Sherry will work with Sean to look at possible April dates for the General Meeting