UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, March 9th, 2015

Present: Stewart Ehly, Chair; Patricia Duffel; Kristina Gavin; Dimitrios Latsis; Michael Moore; Julie Sexton; Lorraine Dorfman, Emeritus Faculty Council Representative

Staff: John Culshaw, University Librarian; Carmelita Pickett, Associate University Librarian; Kelly Avant, UL Assistant

Absent: Ned Bowden; Jill Valde; Charles Frohman; John Han; Morten Schlutter; Samantha Kaplan

I. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM.

II. Updates
   A. Strategic planning is continuing with additional data collection; faculty focus groups were recently completed. A survey for students is being planned for the week after spring break; the committee will also reach out to library student employees and student governments. While planning has so far focused on mission, vision, and values, the process is now moving into specific action items for departments.
   B. The Libraries will soon begin interfiling current journals with the bound volumes on 3rd floor. We still subscribe to ~4,000 print titles, and interfiling current and bound together will make managing the collection easier.
   C. The shared print repository project is moving on to Springer titles. As with the Elsevier titles, a message will go out to faculty notifying them of the process and how they can share any concerns they may have.

III. Pickett presented a summary of the Open Access Fund that the Libraries and the Provost Office support to pay publisher’s fees to open access and hybrid journals. Beginning in March 2013 as a pilot project, last year over $57,000 was spent on publisher’s fees. The Committee discussed how open access is an important alternative to other publishing venues. It was noted that these articles the fund is supporting are going into Iowa’s IRO. Culshaw would like the Committee to make a recommendation at the May meeting if this support should be continued and how it should be funded. Picket will breakdown the data by departments and get numbers on IRO downloads.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.