UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, May 4th, 2015

Present: Stewart Ehly, Chair; Trish Duffel; Kristina Gavin; Dimitrios Latsis; Julie Sexton; Ned Bowden; Jill Valde; Morten Schlutter

Staff: John Culshaw, University Librarian; Lindsay Vella, Secretary

Absent: Charles Frohman; Michael Moore; John Han; Samantha Kaplan

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

II. Culshaw discussed the Open Access Fund, which began as a one-year pilot project in March 2013. Currently, it is funded with $50,000 per year split between the Libraries and the Provost’s Office. Culshaw asked the Committee whether they feel he should ask the Provost to again help fund the Open Access Fund for the coming fiscal year. The Committee shared their thoughts about the value of open access and other possible funding alternatives. They voted in favor of asking the Provost for funding.

III. Updates
A. The Libraries’ Strategic Planning Group has finished drafting the mission, vision, and value statements as well as the four goals for the Libraries, and is currently working on guidelines to implement action planning. The strategic plan is on schedule to begin implementation with the start of the new fiscal year.
B. The Libraries is currently interviewing candidates for the position of Strategic Communications Manager, and would like to have a new hire by early summer.
C. The Ithaka survey resulted in 39% total submissions. In the next several weeks, the Libraries will think about how to make decisions based on the survey results.
D. The gallery exhibition space is on target to open in October 2015. Shakespeare’s First Folio will be on display in Fall 2016.
E. As of June 1, the Digital Studio for Public Humanities will merge with the Libraries’ Digital Research & Publishing department. The staff and funding will remain the same, with a new advisory committee of faculty and staff in place by August.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.