University Libraries Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, November 30th, 2015

Present: Stewart Ehly, Chair; Julie Sexton; Charles Frohman; Michael Moore; Jill Valde; Katie Gandhi
Staff: John Culshaw, University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Assistant to the UL
Absent: Jim McCoy; Marian Wilson Kimber

I. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

II. Culshaw reported that this past summer, the Libraries’ Digital Research & Publishing unit merged with the Provost Office’s Digital Studio for Public Arts and Humanities. The Digital Scholarship and Publishing Studio primarily supports digital humanities projects for faculty. The Studio oversees the Iowa Digital Library, Iowa Research Online, DIY History, and faculty and graduate student Digital Editions.

III. Ehly and Culshaw noted that most of the charter committees have moved to having open calls for membership. This Committee’s membership asks for faculty representation from different areas/departments of the University, as well as two staff and two undergrad/two post-bacc students. The Committee feels that this structure is beneficial as it creates a diverse membership that cuts across the University. It was agreed that there is no need to change how membership is determined.

IV. Culshaw shared the Libraries’ new Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. The 4 goals are tied to the 4 pillars of the University’s strategic plan. The bullet points are areas of focus and help to describe what the goals mean and what the Libraries will work on. A newly created team is working on a process for staff to submit new ideas that will support the strategic plan.

V. The Committee went down to the first floor for a viewing of the recently completed renovation of the gallery. The grand opening for the Van Allen Explorer I exhibit will be January 31.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 12:24 PM.