

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, October 6th, 2006

Present: Thomas Charlton, Chair; Ed Gillan; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Patricia Martin; Astrid Oesmann; Johnathan Gajdos; Si-Chi Chin; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison; Pat Cain, Vice Provost

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Ed Shreeves, Associate University Librarian; Kelly Avant; Secretary/Recorder

Absent: John Fuller; Deb Schoenfelder

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Gajdos motioned to accept the September 8, 2006 minutes; seconded by Oesmann; minutes were accepted.

III. **Updates from University Librarian**

- A. Baker passed out information on *Transitions*, a new web newsletter which will report on major issues in scholarly publishing. The SPARC brochure, *Author's Rights*, discusses intellectual property rights. The Committee recommended that this brochure should be sent to all faculty.
- B. The FY2007 cancellation project at the Libraries has begun with a notification email going out to all faculty earlier this week. The process will continue throughout the academic year with selectors set to begin getting input from their faculty. Gajdos suggested sending this announcement to graduate students in some form, perhaps email, or Shreeves should meet with the graduate student government. The target is \$225,000 with March as the goal to post a list of proposed cancellations. Besides serials, selectors will also be looking at low-use databases since we can get good usage data from the vendors. Baker said one thing to worry about is the Libraries having to pay more copyright fees for borrowing things we have cancelled, as they keep raising these fees as well.

IV. **Shared Governance Council**

Charlton received a letter about a new group on campus, the Shared Governance Council. Approved last spring, the Council will include 4 officers from Staff Council, 4 officers from Faculty Senate, 2 officers from Graduate Student Government, and 2 officers from Student Government. The Council will increase the coordination of effort, consistency of message, and efficiency of communication among the Faculty Senate, Staff Council and Student Government. Gajdos is on the Council, and said that they hope that the standing committees will meet and share the "big issues", so that the different governing groups can be more aware of what is going on.

V. **Branch Librarian Meetings**

Charlton asked the Committee if he should continue trying to schedule branch librarians. Business, physics, psychology and health sciences were not scheduled this last year. The Committee felt that this has been very useful in the past, and to continue it if possible.

VI. **Charge and Membership Review**

The Committee continued discussion of the membership and charge. They agreed to change the current Humanities area rep to be from the "Arts and Humanities." Member continuity and staggered terms work well as already defined. A few minor changes were suggested to A – D of the charge. Discussing E, the Committee felt that this was outdated, and Baker noted that this is a strange distinction, since we consider the branch libraries a service unit just like departments in Main. The Committee agreed to remove E from the charge.

Charlton will revise and send out to Committee for final review; then forward proposed changes to the Faculty Senate.

(a) Advise on policy regarding the size, scope, nature, and growth of the ~~collections housed by the University Libraries~~ resources and services provided;

(b) Advise on policies regarding the assignment of facilities within the libraries and the availability of services which render the libraries more useful to members of the University community and the public;

(c) Advise on the coordination of the ~~decentralized~~ branch libraries and their ~~collections services and resources~~ with those of the Main Library and its collection;

(d) Advise on the ~~use and development~~ expansion or substantial modification of library facilities including the Main Library, the branch libraries, and off-site storage.;

(e) ~~Hold joint meetings at least once a year with representatives of various departmental and divisional library committees in order to understand their needs for library services.~~

VII. **New Business**

A. Baker asked the Committee if they would be willing to use the scheduled November 10th meeting time to attend a demonstration of *Primo*, a new product by our InfoHawk (Aleph) developer Ex Libris. *Primo* is a new front-end interface which harvests information from the catalog so that the content can be manipulated; features include relevancy rankings and other Google-like abilities that students are familiar with. Other faculty would be welcome to attend the demo. The Committee agreed to attend this demonstration.

B. Chin asked if the Libraries will assist groups who are acquiring books and want to put them in a database. Baker said the Libraries does not work with small unaffiliated libraries on campus to put their titles into InfoHawk. Baker said she will find someone to advise Chin's group on managing and organizing a small departmental collection.

VIII. Adjourned at 2:03 PM