

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, November 11th, 2011

Present: Mary Depew; Michael Davis; Pat Kenner; Tyler Ostergaard; Norbert Malik, Emeritus
Faculty Council representative

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Hope Barton, Associate University Librarian

Absent: Lyombe Eko, Chair; Ned Bowden; Jennifer Burek Pierce; David Stewart; Ashley
Bruxvoort; Heju Jiang; Rakesh Awasthi

I. The meeting was called to order

II. **Faculty Studies Update and Proposal**

Barton and Baker distributed information on the current faculty studies in the Main Library along with a summary of standard criteria used by other CIC libraries and libraries at some other universities. The Libraries began to collect this information when it was necessary to accommodate a number of desperate PhD students who were losing their graduate student studies earlier than originally anticipated and prior to the completion of a new graduate study room as a result of the Learning Commons project. Baker asked faculty with studies in the Main Library to give up their study for this year for these students. Fifteen faculty offered theirs up and sixteen PhD students were able to get assigned faculty studies. This raised a good question about the assignment and use of studies in the Libraries. Although many of the faculty who have studies use them, many do not. In a building where space is a premium, Baker would like to be able to set aside some of these studies for PhD students who are writing dissertations (already completed exams) and who use their study space daily, particularly since the new graduate study is smaller than the former space on 4th floor. The committee discussed various criteria. Baker and Barton will return to a later meeting with a draft proposal for some changes.

III. **University Librarian Updates**

- A. Learning Commons – The Board of Regents approved the project at their most recent meeting. Planning is continuing, particularly the first phase (5th floor office space to accommodate staff being displaced from the 1st floor). The construction bid for the 5th floor will be issued at the beginning of December. There have been many meetings going on about the projects.
- B. Digital Projects and Cooperative Efforts
- Licensing digital publications – many of our multi-year CIC licenses for databases are currently under negotiation. Baker has generally been pleased with the favorable inflation caps that we have secured for the next few years.
 - Google – although we are not yet scanning any materials at Iowa, work continues at a number of our CIC partners.
 - Government publications – The CIC, along with a number of other library consortia, are making a concerted effort to digitize and catalog the older print publications from the U.S. government issues through the Federal Depository Library system. This is a long term project but one that needs to be done and can only be done collaboratively.

- UBBorrow – the Libraries is currently testing software that will allow faculty to request ILL directly from other CIC universities, rather than being mediated by our ILL department. The books will still be delivered to the library, but this should save time. Currently, implementation is planned for December, assuming the testing is successful.
- Cooperative print storage – the Libraries continues to work with our CIC counterparts on a shared print project for journals (mostly in the sciences), where we all subscribe to the digital version. Although a print archive needs to be maintained, it is generally agreed that not all institutions will need to house a print archive of these journals.

IV. The meeting adjourned