

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
9:00 AM

**Present:** George Bergus, Chair; Steve Bowden; Ken Cmiel; John Fuller; Ed Gillan; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Pat Kenner; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Absent:** Maria Barbosa

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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Updates/Discussion**

**A. Self Check-Out**

A single self check out station costs \$21,000, and Baker said that if the Libraries did this, it would probably be started with one station as a pilot, probably in Main Library where it would get substantial use. It could help with staffing over the long run. The Libraries will continue looking into this.

**B. Open Access**

Baker was asked what kind of response was received on the mailing of open access information to faculty. Baker said that she and Ed Shreeves will be visiting several departments, plus she received individual faculty questions. They will be following up with other departments to see if they can go talk to them.

Gillan noted that even this broad national movement for open access has had some effect, authors are getting more latitude. However, there is a worry that for-profit journals are restricting access to the public. Baker said this depends on your license agreement and how your campus computing is set up. Currently, anyone from the public can come in and access our electronic journals and our licenses cover this. However, other institutions haven't been able to continue this kind of non-authentication access.

Are there discussions on how open access affects the tenure process? Baker said yes, nationally this is being discussed, but this is a difficult area of the academy to influence.

**C. Space Consultant Plan**

The executive summary of the space plan was discussed. Baker said that the consultants were asked to look at storage issues, for the entire library system and the law library, and utilization issues in Main and Hardin. The #1 priority is a high density storage facility for low-use materials. This needs to be done first before any space can be cleared in Main to do anything else. Staffing and hours at storage facilities at other institutions vary. Most do daytime hours and guarantee quick retrieval – either same day or next day. We would want to scan as much material as we could and deliver it electronically. Users would be able to go to the facility if needed. Baker said she will start talking to the campus and see what concerns there are for an off-site facility. The

committee suggested Baker be prepared to answer the question of how many books will be moved; reduce space in Main by how much?

Timetable for building a facility? Baker said that the Provost Office is trying to find some money to do this, and will eventually take a couple of years until completion. Besides not knowing where it could be built, preservation issues for other similar campus entities like the Museum of Art may need to be discussed.

**D. Book Publishing Workshop**

Baker announced that the Libraries, UI Press, Graduate School, and colleges of Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will be sponsoring a book publishing workshop for doctoral students and junior faculty in the book disciplines. This will be February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Adjourned at 9:55 AM**