

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Present:** Maria Barbosa; Thomas Charlton, Chair; John Fuller; Ed Gillan; Tiffany Griffin; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Deborah Schoenfelder; Si-Chi Chin; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison; Nancy Fick, Staff Council

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Leo Clougherty, Head, Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Geoscience libraries; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Absent:** Johnathan Gajdos; Pat Kenner; Syang-Cheng Suen

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I. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Schoenfelder motioned to accept the October 14<sup>th</sup> minutes; minutes were accepted.

III. **Updates**

A. The "Resolution on Scholarly Publishing" is on the agenda for this afternoon's Faculty Council meeting. Charlton will be attending to answer any questions the Council may have.

B. The Committee web site is now linked off the University's charter committee page: [http://www.uiowa.edu/president/charter\\_committees/University\\_Libraries.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/president/charter_committees/University_Libraries.html); and is in the University's A-Z listing under "Libraries Committee, University."

IV. **Branch Libraries Discussion**

As part of the Committee's charge to meet with branches every year, Leo Clougherty, head of the Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Geoscience libraries, was invited to give an update on each of these libraries:

A. **Biological Sciences Library**

BSL is currently working on getting their materials available electronically and making them more accessible. The collection has been weeded down to what is being used, with the remainder in storage in Main's basement. The botany collection was also recently added to this library. Staffing for this library includes one full time library assistant. Students are used for evenings and weekends in all the branches.

B. **Chemistry Library**

The chemistry collection moved over the Main this past summer while the Chemistry Building is being renovated; the collection will be weeded before it moves back to the second floor of the building. Clougherty is also working on making chemistry materials available online for researchers. He purchases solely electronic journals for most issues in this collection. Staffing in this library includes one full time library assistant.

When asked about electronic-only journals, Clougherty clarified that it is still important to keep paper which researchers can refer to if, for example, the scanned copy of an older journal is not readable. For some societies, their e-journal is now considered

the journal of record while paper is used as an artifact and in fact are more expensive to purchase. Later Clougherty mentioned consortial agreements with the CIC and Iowa Regents libraries. These agreements allow us to have access to hundreds of electronic journals that we do not subscribe to.

C. Geoscience Library

Geoscience will be merging with the Chemistry Library once the Chemistry Building renovation is completed. This will free up space in Trowbridge while keeping the collection close to the department. It is currently a mixed collection that includes government documents and geologic maps that go along with government reports from the US Geological Survey. Clougherty estimates there are over 50,000 maps in the collection. When the library moves, the topographic maps will come over to Main in an as-yet to be determined location. The geologic maps will go to the new space along with journals which are not in electronic format. Staffing in this library includes one  $\frac{3}{4}$  time library assistant.

Charlton asked if there was a relationship between the US Geological Survey and the Geoscience Library. Clougherty replied that we are the USGS' library. They donate journals and other materials; the library also receives faculty donations; duplicates from these donations as well as materials in areas that the University doesn't support are given away in an exchange program. Clougherty says that they have given materials to libraries all over the world.

Clougherty noted that branch librarians perform many duties; they have the chance to get to know their faculty very well; select all the materials for the collection; perform reference and instruction activities; and are able to make their web pages more easily navigable for their disciplines. And, while in the past college or department library committees were very important, these days Clougherty is more likely to contact a single departmental liaison or an individual faculty member if there are issues to be discussed.

Clougherty mentioned the high percentage of branch materials in basement storage in Main. Those numbers are:

Art .....	28,307 volumes or 27% of their collection in storage
Bio Sci.....	71,141 volumes or 86%
Business .....	12,053 volumes or 34%
Chemistry .....	40,300 volumes or 59%
Engineering.....	98,619 volumes or 78%
Geoscience .....	23,147 volumes or 39%
Math Sci .....	24,777 volumes or 41%
Music.....	3,417 volumes or 3%
Physics.....	16,762 volumes or 27%
Psychology.....	6,193 volumes or 9%

When asked if these materials currently in the basement storage would all transfer to a storage facility, Baker said that would be unlikely, as they would plan on putting lesser used materials in the storage facility; many of these branch materials are recalled often enough to keep them closer. Charlton asked for an update on the storage facility; Baker said that it is still high priority for administration, but has not heard anything on where it would be located or when it would be built. The University is currently getting plans and an estimate.

Overall, Clougherty commented that the materials budget for these libraries has not fallen as far behind as it could have due to grants and private donations. For example, a Carver grant allowed him to purchase back files for Chemistry. The main problem he faces is buying books for undergraduates. Maintaining the journal resources necessary for graduate study and researcher uses most of the available money.

Finally, Clougherty mentioned that he is currently involved in several projects to digitize local material, like Iowa Geological Survey documents.

Schoenfelder said that this discussion has been very helpful and believes that having all the branch librarians come to talk to the committee will be very beneficial.

V. **New Business**

A. Fuller suggested discussing an open letter on journal prices to University presidents and provosts at the next meeting.

<http://www.hss.caltech.edu/~mcafee/Journal/OpenLetter.pdf>

B. Chin asked about late fees at the Music Library and how patrons are fined by the hour for some items. Baker will get details on this for the next meeting.

VI. **Adjourned at 10:24 AM**