

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Present:** Stewart Ehly, Chair; Patricia Duffel; Morten Schlutter; Jill Valde; Michael Davis; Lorraine Dorfman, Emeritus Faculty Senate representative

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Mike Wright, Interim Associate University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Absent:** Ned Bowden; David Stewart; Heju “Helen” Jiang; Miriam Janecheck; Ashley Kral

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I. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.

II. **Update on CIC Projects**

Baker reviewed some recent CIC projects.

- a. Most of our licensing agreements for e-journals go through the consortium which gets us more favorable rates and better negotiating terms.
- b. Reciprocal ILL borrowing between CIC institutions is done free of charge; faculty can also go to other CIC members and borrow materials. This has also been arranged at most of the institutions for graduate students.
- c. The shared print project came about because all our institutions are having space issues. The agreement says that the institutions can jointly own all the titles in storage, but the only physical item will only be stored at Indiana. However, institutions can keep their own copy if they so desire.
- d. HathiTrust, which contains the items from the Google scan project, is becoming a large repository of scanned items from around the country. While allowing access to out of copyright materials, it is also a way to preserve digital copies. Baker noted that those with print disabilities can access all materials.
- e. There are several different initiatives on scholarly communication and publishing. Institutions are trying to reach their faculty to inform them of their options for publishing in open access journals.

III. **E-Journals**

Wright talked a little about journal prices. One handout showed large price increases on some of our individual subscriptions just for November. An annual price survey showed how broad classification areas generally go up 5-6%, but some are 9% or even higher; this while the consumer price index goes up 2%. Wright noted that “big deals” with publishers are not necessarily bad, because price increases can be held down. Elsevier, Springer, Wiley and Sage publications cost us about 25% of our collections budget (while almost 75% of our total collections budget is for electronic resources – electronic is demanded by users). Wright was asked if other consortiums across the U.S. have better deals than the CIC, and he noted that often contract language prohibits institutions from sharing what their deals cost. Overall, he believes we are doing well from our deals.

What can help with journal prices are faculty looking for open access journals to publish in, or at least with traditional publishers, hold on to their copyright. An example of an [Author's Addendum](#) is available on the Libraries' [scholarly publishing website](#). The Committee agreed that often faculty feel that open access journals, while peer-reviewed, are less prestigious than traditional journals simply because they haven't been around very long.

- IV. Ehly noted that all University staff recently received an email about the University Librarian search, and advertising is going out nationally. If Committee members have any ideas for questions for the applicants, Ehly asked that they be forwarded to the search committee.
- V. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.