

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, February 10th, 2006

Present: Maria Barbosa; Thomas Charlton, Chair; Johnathan Gajdos; Ed Gillan; Tiffany Griffin; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Pat Kenner; Deborah Schoenfelder; Si-Chi Chin; Pat Cain, Vice Provost; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; John Forys, Head, Lichtenberger Engineering Library; Kelly Avant, Secretary

Absent: John Fuller; Syang-Cheng Suen

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:32 PM.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Gajdos motioned to accept the November 15th minutes; seconded by Kenner; minutes were accepted.

III. **Report from the University Librarian**

A. The Libraries' Annual Report was published in late January; Baker highlighted some areas such as the collection usage chart; the ILL lending to state libraries; gifts – 2004 was the Libraries best year ever. Gajdos asked about electronic usage which Baker replied it is difficult to show because vendors count use differently. ARL is currently looking for more meaningful ways to measure electronic use. Baker was also asked about students and graduate assistants. The number of GA positions is based on the ability to use funding to create these positions. Private funding has allowed some recent GA hires in Special Collections, for example.

Charlton asked the if materials budget has increased over the years. Baker said there has been a small increase each year, and even with journal increases the Libraries has been able to manage. However, looking at current spending and the likelihood of receiving only a 4% increase for next year, we are going to “hit the wall” in 2007. Forys mentioned electronic journal deals which have helped keep journal spending in line, such as the Regents institutions deal which allows the 3 universities to have access to all the journals each subscribes to; and how canceling print duplicates of electronic titles have saved money.

B. Baker asked the Committee how the Libraries can help get out the Faculty Senate resolution on scholarly publishing. Charlton will check with the Faculty Senate if they have ideas on where the resolution should be distributed.

IV. **Branch Libraries Discussion**

As part of the Committee's charge to meet with branches, John Forys, Head of the Lichtenberger Engineering Library and recent head of the Mathematical Sciences Library, was invited to give an update on each of these libraries.

The Mathematical Sciences Library supports research and teaching in mathematics, computer science, statistics, and actuarial science. Math is a stable discipline where

materials have a long life. Usage of the library remains high even though a great deal of the journals have gone electronic. Forys feels that the library users value the facility highly. Concerns for the library include space problems for collection growth. Also some programs like computer science have grown quickly and the field changes so it is a challenge to keep up with this. Lisa McDaniels, the new head librarian, started in January.

Cain asked if a storage facility would help relieve the math library space problem. Baker said that a storage facility will help relieve all the space problems. Main stores a large percentage of branch library materials that are high use, so she suggested that if materials are moved from the upper floors of Main to a storage facility, we could then integrate high use branch materials into Main's collection.

The Lichtenberger Engineering Library serves the entire College of Engineering. Usage remains very high, and 2/3 to ¾ of the collection's journals are in e-form and are used heavily. Speed is important to users, and Forys says they are looking at this – how quickly can they get information to people. There has been tremendous improvement in interlibrary loan and experimenting with article delivery service. Baker noted that we can get requests out within 24 hours, but the problem is how fast the other end gets the requested item back to us. Electronic journals have been important in fast delivery. Forys mentioned that for example, we have access to Elsevier titles from 1994. Publishers are now also digitizing back issues. Forys said that the downside of the library is that every year there are new areas to collect in. They are trying to do more instruction and outreach this year as well as educating users by trying to debunk the "Google" myth; working on making the more visible by visiting engineering student groups, labs, departments and faculty.

V. New Business

A. Graduate Student Senate Resolution

Gajdos and Chin proposed that they bring a resolution to the graduate student senate. Graduate students have less control when submitting articles, but since they will be faculty one day, it is important to promote awareness of scholarly communication issues. Baker noted that the future will bring a different publication environment so it is important that the graduate students understand what is happening in the publishing world. Baker and Charlton said they would be happy to help Gajdos and Chin modify the resolution, with a goal of presenting a draft at the next meeting.

- B. At the November 15th meeting, Chin had asked about Music Library late fees and fines. Baker reported that librarians work with instructors on the loan periods for materials, considering course size and what students have to do with the materials. Loan periods for reserve materials do vary across libraries. Baker thought the incident Chin referred to was due to someone checking out an item that was on reserve with 2 hour borrowing for a course he/she was not taking. The overdue fines would be calculated on an hourly basis.

VI. Adjourned at 1:29 PM

Remaining spring semester meetings:

- Friday, March 10, 12:30 – 1:30 PM, 2032 LIB
- Friday, April 14, 12:30 – 1:30 PM, 2032 LIB