

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
February 11th, 2005
9:00 AM

Present: Maria Barbosa; George Bergus, Chair; Steve Bowden; Ken Cmiel; John Fuller; Ed Gillan; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Pat Kenner; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison; Tom Rocklin, Interim Associate Provost for Faculty Development, attending for Pat Cain, Vice Provost.

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

Absent: None

I. Call to Order

II. Updates/Discussion

A. Open Access

Baker updated the Committee on the NIH open access proposal. Originally they wanted to require authors to submit their article within a year to PubMed Central, but that has changed to “encouraging” authors. Libraries and patient advocacy groups are opposed to this, saying recent research and breakthroughs should be available to the public as soon as possible.

Baker and staff have been busy visiting departments to explain the open access issue to faculty. These have been productive meetings and some good suggestions have been made. The Research Council suggested Libraries’ staff meet again when the new VP for Research begins.

Baker was asked if there is a movement to give everyone in the state access to our electronic resources, but Baker replied that this would not happen due to cost and license agreements.

B. Budget

Baker shared with the Committee the Libraries’ reallocation proposal, which she will submit to the Provost for her annual budget meeting. Fortunately, the Libraries’ recent planning process identified new directions in which to go, and recent retirements have enabled us to be flexible in trying to match new positions to priorities in our strategic plan. Baker will also talk to the Provost about beginning librarian salaries which are low compared to other ARL libraries and local library markets.

III. Adjourned at 10:00AM

Remaining Spring Semester meetings:

- Friday, March 25, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Conference Room 2032 Main Library
- Friday, April 29, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Conference Room 2032 Main Library