

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Present:** Stewart Ehly, Chair; Yangbo Ye; Phil Wertz; Brian Fu; Barbara Eckstein, Interim Associate Provost for Academic Administration; Jerry Walker, Emeritus Faculty Council Representative

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

**Absent:** Ben Hunnicutt; Patricia Martin; Astrid Oesmann; Deborah Schoenfelder; Tom Snee; Chris Collier

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I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

II. **University Librarian Updates**

A. **Space.** Baker reported that the archival facility has been delayed again due to the University's budget problems. The music collection has been moved to the Main Library building, the majority of the collection to the second floor where the chemistry books were, and other materials to the fifth floor lounge where they can be secured. Art library staff are still retrieving books daily.

B. **Budget Situation.** Baker spoke a little about the potential budget shortfall and how it would affect the Libraries. The Libraries would be able to handle a small budget cut as we have vacancies that have been held and not filled. However, losing some of these positions could affect services, for example, a library assistant who assisted the Japanese librarian in that subject area has left, and a librarian at Hardin who worked with the College of Nursing has also recently left. If the cut is higher, the Libraries could face a lay off situation. Currently the collections budget is being protected, but that could change at any time. The overall goal is to preserve primary services for users. The Committee asked if students are happy with library hours. Baker said no, they want more, but in reality our statistics don't show that we are busy between 1 and 2 am. And, any cost benefit of being closed those early hours would not be much, as the hours are worked by students.

C. It was noted that the enhanced content began recently and there are now links to Google and Amazon in the catalog. The book delivery to campus addresses also began in January, and Baker noted that this has been a timesaver for us.

III. **New Items**

Ehly asked the Committee what projects they should pursue for the rest of this year. He suggested a progress update on the idea of using the IMU, the Main Library, and the new campus wellness center as a place to be for students. This was discussed last spring (4-11-08 meeting) when Tom Rocklin and David Grady met with the Committee. At that meeting suggestions included Rocklin mentioning they might want to think about commissioning a study with a facilities consultant on how to integrate these facilities, and Committee member Charlton recommended checking with the urban and regional planning department for suggestions. Baker noted that since the IMU was closed for several months

due to flood recovery, the only thing we have worked together on was finals week last May when the IMU agreed to extend their hours as Main experimented being open 24/7.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM