

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, February 8th, 2008

Present: Tom Charlton; Stewart Ehly; Patricia Martin; Astrid Oesmann; Deborah Schoenfelder, Chair; Anne Shelley; Tom Snee; Yangbo Ye; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison; Barbara Eckstein, Interim Associate Provost for Academic Administration

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

Absent: Byron Stokes

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

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of November 12, 2007 were approved as written.

III. **Reports**

Charlton reported that the revisions to the committee charge were approved by the Faculty Senate; it looks like the revisions now have to go through Staff Council and Student Government. He will follow up and see if he needs to attend these meetings as well.

IV. **University Librarian Updates**

A. **High Density Archival Facility**

Baker reported that the latest estimate from the architects for this facility have gone over the projected budget, originally about \$7.5 million to \$10 million. The design and construction project coordinator will now need to take the proposal to the campus Capital Projects Review Committee. The Oakdale campus is still being considered for the building site. Baker estimates the first vault would be filled within 5 years with a second bay taking longer to fill.

B. **Self Study External Review**

Baker shared the external reviewer's report with the Committee; the library is for the most part happy with the review. Schoenfelder felt that the recommendations and suggestions were generally supportive of the library, recognizing that the library requires additional funding.

C. **CIC Institutional Repository Agreement**

Baker had nothing new to report on this agreement, and not all institutions have signed on yet. As was discussed at the last meeting, the agreement will allow the CIC institutions the ability to share their files from the Google project and eventually may allow us to overlay an additional search tool for our digitized collections.

D. **Main Library Hours**

After reviewing circulation transactions and gate and head counts, the decision was made to reduce building hours by closing 1 hour earlier during the 3, 6 and 8 week sessions. The money saved from staffing these hours will be shifted to allow the Main Library to open one hour earlier on Sundays for fall and spring semesters (11:00 AM

instead of Noon). Students are often waiting for the building to open on Sundays and it is felt this will be of benefit to both undergraduates and graduate students.

V. Discussion

At the last meeting, Ehly had raised the question if there are specific library initiatives that could help with the campus drinking problem. Schoenfelder felt that this would be a good topic for discussion.

Baker reviewed some recent requests the library has had. Student government has asked about creating learning spaces that are more technology oriented as well as group and collaborative space. The library has drafted some ideas to go back to SG to get feedback of what they want. Also, the Graduate College would like group space to hold dissertation writing groups. We have temporarily worked out a solution with classroom management to reserve 2057 and 2058 Fridays through Sundays when it is not being used for class. We are also looking at using the fifth floor lounge as graduate study space only and will be consulting with graduate students to see if this would be desirable.

Orgren asked what is being done nationally. Baker said that some libraries have done which have flexible and collaborative technology-rich spaces. Schoenfelder asked if there are requests for “noisy” spaces; Baker said if we were able to remodel, a large café with a 24/7 study space would work for this. Students also want “noisy” and “quiet” ITC areas.

Ehly asked about 24 hour ITC access, which Baker replied that it would be impossible to block off areas in the Main Library to make this happen now. Ehly then asked if branches offer alternative study spaces, which a few do, but they mainly serve their field-specific students with Main getting the bulk of students.

Schoenfelder asked what the Committee should do next on this topic. It was agreed that Tom Rocklin and David Grady will be invited to one of the next meetings to consider what roles the IMU and the library could take in creating more appealing spaces for students, especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

VI. New Business

Orgren let the Committee know that in August 2009 the UI will be hosting a meeting of the officers of the Big Ten Retirees Association. The conference will focus on academics and the retirees life, with Barbara Allen of the CIC giving the keynote .

VII. The meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM