

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, March 23rd, 2007

Present: Thomas Charlton, Chair; John Fuller; Ed Gillan; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Patricia Martin; Astrid Oesmann; Deb Schoenfelder; Johnathan Gajdos; Si-Chi Chin; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

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

Absent: none

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

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Fuller motioned to accept the February 23, 2007 minutes; seconded by Schoenfelder; minutes were accepted.

III. **Gifts in Kind/Book Sales**

Charlton requested clarification of the topic of book sales last discussed at the [9/8/06](#) meeting. Baker confirmed that the Libraries gifts in kind policy has not changed, but that we are no longer doing book sales. Selectors still review gift books to determine if they should be added to the collection, and will consult with relevant faculty as needed. The Libraries' gift in kind policy (<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/cts/acq/gift.html>) does not reflect this internal process of how we dispose of unwanted books.

IV. **Material Selection**

The Committee had a few follow up questions related to the selection of materials for the off-site archival facility, discussed at the [2/23/07](#) meeting. There will be input from users on what goes to the facility as selectors work with faculty as needed. Loan records will be reviewed to identify materials that have not been circulated for a set amount of years. Charlton asked if after time, would there be pressure to de-accession little used materials from the facility. Baker said that would not happen, and that we are currently withdrawing duplicates as appropriate. Baker mentioned that collection overlap between academic libraries is not as common as one would think because of different specializations at institutions. Baker also said she will begin meeting with academic departments that are book-oriented disciplines to see what concerns they may have with the facility.

V. **Changing Role of Libraries**

Charlton distributed a link (<http://www.apaclassics.org/Publications/e-publishing.html>) to discuss concerning scholarly publishing. He asked if Baker thought that scholars are getting a mixed message on publishing electronically. Baker reviewed some of the current trends in libraries:

- Working with consortiums on digital projects
- Encouraging peer-reviewed open access journals, though primarily sciences right now
- Linking to discipline-created open access journals

- Being aware of the worry about faculty tenure concerning publication in peer-reviewed journals; it was agreed that until senior faculty publish in open access journals, younger faculty will see it as unacceptable for tenure review
- Working on archive accessible e-titles; LOCKSS and Portico are 2 projects to create a place for vendors to archive their e-journals and that libraries can mediate access in different ways.

Baker noted that conversations have changed when libraries talk to department; faculty want to have more available electronically. Charlton asked if there is a possibility of electronic formats only in the future; Baker felt that would be a possibility in the science and technology fields but probably not for some time.

VI. **New Business**

- A. Baker mentioned that Pat Cain has requested that committee members contact Cain to recommend names of anyone who they think might be good as a faculty chair or member of the Libraries' review committee. The Libraries began the self-study process last year with an internal review report (<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/admin/selfstudy/>).
- B. The Libraries has begun implementation of an online, transaction-based survey designed to collect data on the purpose of the use of electronic resources and the demographics of users. This survey called "Measuring the Impact of Networked Electronic Services (MINES)" was originally designed by the University of Connecticut and has been used by a number of other libraries nationally under the auspices of ARL. The survey will run at random periods each month for a two hour period. If the user wants to consult an electronic resource, they will have to complete the brief survey. The Libraries spends over \$4 million dollars on electronic resources and that figure increases each year, so it is important for us to have some data on who is using these resources and for what purpose if we are to make the best use of our limited funds.

VII. Adjourned at 1:52 PM

Remaining meeting:

- Monday, April 16, 2007, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, 2032 LIB