

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, March 6th, 2009

Present: Stewart Ehly, Chair; Yangbo Ye; Phil Wertz; Patricia Martin; Jerry Walker, Emeritus
Faculty Council Representative

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

Absent: Ben Hunnicutt; Astrid Oesmann; Deborah Schoenfelder; Tom Snee; Chris Collier;
Brian Fu

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM

II. **Chair Update**

Ehly reported that the revised committee charge (review begun at the 9/8/06 meeting) has finally been approved and will be incorporated into the Operations Manual.

III. **University Librarian Updates**

A. Baker wanted to discuss Main Library space problems with the Committee. The archival facility has been delayed opening for at least 2 ½ years. The branch libraries are full, the Main Library basement is full, and reshelving is becoming nearly impossible in the stacks. Baker reviewed possible ways the library will cope with the overcrowding. Duplicating weeding will be done, though this is labor intensive and recovers very little space. The library is also coordinating with Iowa State on print journal backfile duplicates, though this will be a long term effort and again is very labor intensive. Baker feels that she will need to explore leasing space to move materials until the facility is built.

Ehly asked if there was any merit for the Committee to voice support for the archival facility and to make a recommendation that the University needs to move forward quickly on this project. Baker said it would be helpful; Ehly suggested the Committee include this recommendation in its final report to Faculty Senate.

B. The Libraries and Law Library will be celebrating the 5 millionth volume this year, and, along with the UI Press celebrating their 40th anniversary, will be having an event this summer. The event will be a book festival held in conjunction with the Iowa City Summer of the Arts program. More information will be forthcoming.

IV. **New Business**

At the April 3rd meeting, Ehly asks that the Committee be prepared to comment on what he should include in the final report to Faculty Senate.

Also, Michelle Harder, Senior Associate Director, Division of Recreational Services, and Dave Grady, Director, University Life Centers & Associate VP Student Services, will attend the next meeting to discuss the possibility of complementary programming between the IMU, the library, and the new wellness center to make these facilities the "place to be" for students.

V. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM