

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, March 9th, 2012

Present: Ned Bowden; Michael Davis; Mary Depew; Lyombe Eko, Chair; Pat Kenner; Rakesh Awasthi; Norb Malik, Emeritus Faculty Council representative

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

Absent: David Stewart; Tyler Ostergaard; Ashley Bruxvoort; Heju “Helen” Jiang

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM.

II. **Library Usage Statistics**

Baker and Barton shared a snapshot of activity at the libraries and explained the different statistics that the library tracks. (Many of the stats are used in the [Annual Report](#).) Eko asked how the library gets this information out to people so that they know what the library does for the campus and the community. It was suggested that the library work on a press release showing how students use the library, electronic vs. non-electronic materials use, gate count, and resource searches are done. Barton thought this would be a good idea during National Library Week in April. Outlets suggested were the Daily Iowan, the library’s Facebook page, and departmental listservs.

III. **University Librarian Updates**

- A. Baker was asked if the Libraries did anything with [WiderNet](#). Although the library does not have a formal relationship, the School of Library Information and Science does have a formal affiliation.
- B. Barton explained how reference and circulation staff are now planning on how they will be working together when they move to one service desk. We will need a manager for the learning commons when it opens, and right now are unsure how night staffing will work for the 24/5 hours.
- C. Work is continuing on the 5th floor so that staff can move off the first floor. The south end will be closed in May after the spring semester. The library will be auto-renewing faculty and student loans since the closing of this entrance/exit will make it hard for them to easily return large quantities of books.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM