

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, April 11th, 2008

Present: Tom Charlton; Stewart Ehly; Patricia Martin; Astrid Oesmann; Deborah Schoenfelder, Chair; Tom Snee; Yangbo Ye

Guests: Tom Rocklin, Vice Provost and Dean of the University College; Liz Whitt, Director, Student Success Initiatives; David Grady, Associate Vice President and Director, University Life Centers

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Nan Seamans, Associate University Librarian; Paul Soderdahl, Director, Library Information Technology; Kelly Avant, Secretary

Absent: Byron Stokes; Anne Shelley

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of February 8, 2008 were approved as written.

III. **Reports**

Charlton still needs to follow up with the Staff Council and the Student Government to get the committee charge revisions approved.

IV. **University Librarian Updates**

A. Enhanced catalog content is additional information added to a bibliographic record, for example, the contents for individual tracks on an audio CD, author's biography, or a brief synopsis for a literary work. For the past two years, the Libraries has subscribed to a company for thumbnail images and tables of contents, but will be cancelling that subscription to investigate other cost-saving options which may include using third party sources such as Amazon or Google. The Committee was asked if they thought enhanced content was desirable, and they agreed it was a useful addition to the catalog. Some of the downsides of using third party sources were discussed, such as it looking like the Libraries endorses these kind of providers since the terms of agreement may require a link to the storefront or to advertisements. A benefit may be, for example, Amazon which has customer reviews and many people find these helpful. The Committee agreed that the library should explore these options.

B. Baker briefly touched on the recent controversy of electronic theses and dissertations. The main issue was the rights of "creative" works (for example, writing or original music scores) and whether or not they become available electronically without their permission. In the course of this discussion it became apparent that other graduate students may need additional time to embargo their dissertations. Interim Provost Lopes is getting a group together to review University policies on this issue.

C. Baker also noted that she has been approached by several student groups asking for 24/7 hours for the Main Library building, especially for finals. Library administrators are currently trying to determine if this would be feasible for spring finals week.

V. **Discussion**

Baker distributed to the Committee a white paper the library has written on fostering learning through library spaces. The paper has been seen by administrators in ITS, the provost office, the former UISG president, and some campus facilities personnel. Rocklin later said that the concepts raised in this white paper may only be realized with a building remodel. Grady reviewed the new campus recreational and wellness center which besides the usual recreational facilities will have a wellness suite which is a joint venture that will work with students on healthy life options.

With this new facility lining up on Madison Street with the library and the IMU, there may be options for complementary programming between the facilities, and a need to look at potential opportunities to make these facilities the “place to be” for students. Baker felt that each facility will play a unique role, with the library as a study/collaboration destination. Rocklin felt that how these facilities could be linked has not been fully explored. He said they might want to think about commissioning a study with the facilities consultant on how to integrate these facilities. Charlton also recommended checking with the urban and regional planning department for suggestions.

The Committee also discussed the different food service options between the facilities, as well as hours. Again, there are many issues with having the main library building open 24/7, some of which are staffing problems, security, custodial operations, and financial resources.

Schoenfelder thanked Ehly for this discussion topic for the Committee this year and asked what role the Committee should take as ideas evolve. Baker said she hoped to use the Committee as a sounding board for ideas and the Committee agreed. Baker will also follow up with Rocklin and FSG on the consultant suggestions.

VI. **New Business**

No new business was raised at this time, although Baker thanked Schoenfelder and Charlton (whose terms are over this year) for their service on the Committee.

- VII. Before adjournment, Baker asked if the Committee would agree to approving meeting minutes by e-mail so that they could get posted in a timely manner; the Committee agreed. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM