

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Present:** Thomas Charlton, Chair; John Fuller; Ed Gillan; Pat Kenner; Deborah Schoenfelder; Si-Chi Chin; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Ed Shreeves, Associate University Librarian & Director, Collections and Content Development; Gary Frost, Conservator; Rijn Templeton, Head, Art Library; Kelly Avant; Secretary

**Absent:** Maria Barbosa; Johnathan Gajdos; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Tiffany Griffin; Syang-Cheng Suen; Pat Cain, Vice Provost

---

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Schoenfelder motioned to accept the March 10<sup>th</sup> minutes; seconded by Kenner; minutes were accepted.

III. **Updates**

A. Baker said that a proposed materials budget increase of 4% is still likely. The Libraries will definitely be looking at a serials cancellation next year. The Provost has been asked for bridging funds so that the cancellation process can be done over the academic year with faculty input. This will affect FY08 which is also when many of the Libraries' deals with vendors are up, so we can look at those closely as well. Shreeves mentioned that we will have more usage data for titles than has been available in past cancellations, which will be helpful in determining cuts.

B. **Salvaging Hurricane Damaged Materials**

Frost reported to the Committee the Libraries' efforts to help with hurricane-damaged materials in Mississippi. After Frost made an assessment visit in September, the Preservation Department decided to do something for this area and are now working on providing the Biloxi Public Library and the Jefferson Davis museum complimentary conservation treatment for 19<sup>th</sup> century manuscripts and printed materials. Frost will be asking for additional help from other library preservation departments at the upcoming American Libraries Association meeting, as well as discussing at an IFLA meeting how to better provide distributed response for a disaster region.  
<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/preservation/pages/news/katrina.htm>

C. **Branch Libraries Discussion**

As part of the Committee's charge to meet with branches, Rijn Templeton, head of the Art Library, was invited to the meeting. Templeton circulated photos of the new art facility which has 11,000 square feet, most of which is study/reading space. The current library is only 5,000 square feet. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the anticipated moving date and the library has over 79,000 volumes to move. The new library will have a small seminar room for instruction and is also wired for laptop plug ins, as well as wireless access.

D. **Library Book Sale Procedures**

Continued from the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Charlton asked Shreeves if there was a practical way to solicit faculty input when the Libraries receives collections in a particular subject area. Shreeves explained that bibliographers in the most part catch items that should be added to the collection. In general, anything in good condition and within our collecting scope will be kept. In the past, faculty have been asked to review large donations and asked to help prioritize. Book sale prices were discussed. Investment of staff time and effort on pricing books versus experimenting with selling books on e-bay was discussed. Baker said that if we sense books may be valuable, then we do get help pricing - the special collections department head has been asked in the past to assist with this. Baker and Shreeves said that the effort to maintain an online auction would not generate income to justify the time and effort. Fuller asked about having local book operators act as our selling agents, but this would probably not be in their interest.

**Action:** The Committee encourages Shreeves to continue to suggest to selectors that they consult with relevant faculty when the Libraries receives a collection, so that the faculty can help advise on academic worth and help with processing priority.

IV. **New Business**

There was no new business to be discussed. Charlton thanked everyone for participating this year; Baker thanked Charlton for chairing.

V. **Adjourned at 1:23 PM**