

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Present:** Pat Kenner; Tom Snee; Phil Wertz; Yangbo Ye; Evan Swanson; Raquel Case; Joseph McKinley; Jerry Walker, Emeritus Faculty Representative

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Greg Prickman, Assistant Head, Special Collections

**Guest:** Bret Gothe and Nancy Abram, IMU Marketing & Design

**Absent:** Stewart Ehly, Chair; Lyombe Eko; Ben Hunnicutt; Nathan Votroubek

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I. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

II. **“The Stretch,” IMU Marketing & Design Proposal**

Brett Gothe and Nancy Abram from IMU Marketing and Design discussed a proposal to energize the adjacent space between the new Recreation Center, the Main Library, and the IMU. This proposal builds on the pillars of the Iowa Challenge (to excel, stretch, engage, choose, and serve). The essence of the proposal creates more community space in and around these facilities, installs wireless throughout the area (both indoors and outdoors), and street signage that names the area “the Stretch.” Gothe outlined additional facility upgrades that would be desirable to make this area a destination and to link the various services together. This proposal will also be considered by the Recreation Center’s Advisory Committee and a similar group on the IMU. The Committee approved the concept.

III. **Updates**

a. Iowa City Book Festival

Greg Prickman and the Iowa City Book Festival Organizing Committee reported on the progress in planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa City Book Festival to be held on July 16-18 at the Main Library, Gibson Square, and other venues. On July 16, the University Libraries will host its annual friends/donor dinner. Last year, the Libraries had an author (Chris Merrill) as the dinner speaker and authors at each table. It was a very successful event. On Saturday, the festival will consist of author appearances, discussion groups, music, children’s activities, book sellers, book arts demonstrations, and food in Gibson Square and the Main Library. On Sunday, there will be a “day in the city of literature,” with a variety of activities throughout downtown Iowa City.

b. University Librarian Updates

No firm news yet on the budget. The biggest challenge will be covering last year’s reduction in salaries that has been funded by federal stimulus funds this year and will end on June 30.

IV. **New Business**

McKinley mentioned that there has been some difficulty with printers in the Libraries. Baker mentioned that the library staff were aware of the problem and have been working with ITS to find a solution. The incredibly large volume of printing has really taxed the system at times, although there have also been some other technical problems as well at times.

V. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM