

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
April 29th, 2005
9:00 AM

Present: George Bergus, Chair; Steve Bowden; John Fuller; Ed Gillan; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Pat Kenner; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Nan Seamans, Director, Research and Instructional Services; Ed Shreeves, Director, Collections and Content Development; Kelly Avant, Secretary

Absent: Maria Barbosa; Ken Cmiel

I. Call to Order

Bergus thanked everyone for their attendance and participation this past year.

II. Updates/Discussion

A. Miscellaneous

Baker introduced Nan Seamans, the Libraries' new director for research and instructional services. Nan is in charge of all Main Library public service units and the 10 branch libraries.

The Libraries has hired Paul Soderdahl as our Digital Initiatives Coordinator. Paul is currently the Libraries' coordinator for information systems.

The Libraries has received a Roy J. Carver Trust grant to "Re-Imagine the Information Arcade," which will allow us to upgrade software and hardware in the existing classroom and reconfigure the multi-media stations. The second year of the grant allows for equipment to be purchased for a second classroom.

The Special Collections department has created fellowships from the Robert Olson estate gift. The fellowships will provide on-the-job training at a pre-professional level for graduate students who are or may become interested in Special Collections librarianship; and will offer opportunities to accumulate and document significant academic and work experience and accomplishment.

B. Budget

Baker reported that her budget meeting with the Provost went well. Hogan proposed reducing by .5% the 2006 materials budget increase (mostly likely to be 5%) to put towards raising the base librarian salary to \$40,000. The Libraries would also have to contribute funds to meet this need, and Baker said she has agreed to basically eliminate a position in order to raise the base salary. Hogan also asked for a list of one-time material purchases in case there is money to spend; Shreeves has compiled this information.

C. Faculty and Staff Resolution on Scholarly Publishing

Baker distributed some examples from other universities on resolutions their faculty senates have made on scholarly publishing. She asked the Committee if this would be something they would like to do for the fall. Fuller said that the best model would be Wisconsin-Madison's, though Berkeley's has an important point about promotion and tenure, and also Wisconsin doesn't cover copyright, and that is another point that should be covered. Baker thought it would be best to leave the resolution broad in solutions. Shreeves felt it was a good idea because it would bring the topic to people's attention and help get the message out. It would also be helpful for faculty to have language they could use in contracts so that they can keep their copyright. Bergus confirmed that the Committee would like to work on this. Baker and Shreeves will draft something for the Committee to review by e-mail over the summer.

Baker thanked Bergus for serving as chair this year; and said she believed it was a very successful year for the committee.

III. Adjourned at 9:30 AM