

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

**Present:** Yangbo Ye; Patricia Martin; Tom Snee; Jerry Walker, Emeritus Faculty Council Representative

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Guests:** Michelle Harder, Senior Associate Director, Division of Recreational Services, and David Grady, Director, University Life Centers & Associate VP, Student Services

**Absent:** Stewart Ehly, Chair; Ben Hunnicutt; Astrid Oesmann; Deborah Schoenfelder; Phil Wertz; Chris Collier; Brian Fu

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I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM and introductions were made.

II. **Discussion**

Michelle Harder gave the Committee an overview of the new Campus Wellness and Recreation Center that is expected to be completed by summer 2010. The facility will house recreational services offices, a wellness center which will offer educational programming, the UI swim teams, a leisure pool, lap pool, diving well and competition pool, climbing wall, running track, 3 courts, fitness areas and lounge spaces. Right now they are looking at opening the facility at 6 a.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. weekends, and closing at either 12:30 or 1:00 am.

Grady said that this facility, as well as all the recreational services facilities, will have a single point of entry. Student fees are paying for these facilities and other institutions restrict entry into their recreational facilities because of this. Iowa will offer a membership fee structure for faculty and staff as well as the community so that they can use these facilities.

Harder said that there will be a lot of late night programming potential for the new Wellness Center, and that they are open to ideas. Snee mentioned that perhaps there could be an overall concept or design idea for the 3 buildings. Grady said that the 3 facilities could be considered a "student life corridor." The Committee liked this concept; Baker felt it would be a good way to present the facilities to freshmen. It was agreed that sometime this summer Harder could get the 3 marketing people from each facility together to brainstorm ideas.

III. **University Librarian Update**

Baker briefed the Committee on the library's budget situation. The most recent scenario for a cut for the Libraries is approximately \$960,000. The materials budget is still being protected from cuts at this time. Our cut will have to come from our personnel and operations budget (roughly \$14 million and \$775,000). While looking at reducing student hours and reducing travel, we will have to cut several vacant positions, and even with the proposed merit furlough and progressive T.R.I.P. for P&S staff, to meet this particular budget target we would have to cut occupied positions.

Baker said the Libraries is also working on merging 4 branch libraries into other libraries. These branches (Geoscience, Physics, Psychology, and Mathematical Sciences) have shown a decrease in use over the years as more of their research materials go electronic. Service points in the Main Library will also be consolidated. The University is looking for space to store lesser-used materials from these branches as well as the overflow that Main Library is currently experiencing.

Two services that have been helpful and will become more so are our 2 delivery services, scanned articles which are sent directly to a requester's desktop, as well as the new book delivery to campus offices. Baker mentioned that the book delivery service has been very well received.

Snee asked about revenue for the library such as a fee or donations. Baker said that the campus has always been resistant to a library fee for students. And while we do receive donations, donors usually want their money to go towards a specific subject or project, not towards operational costs.

Baker thanked Martin for her service on the Committee; Martin's and Oesmann's terms expire this fiscal year.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM