

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, September 10th, 2007

Present: Tom Charlton; Patricia Martin; Astrid Oesmann; Deborah Schoenfelder, Chair; Tom Snee; Yangbo Ye; Hal Richardson, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison; Anne Shelley; Lisa Troyer, Interim Associate Provost for Academic Administration

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian

Absent: Stewart Ehly; Byron Stokes

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of April 16, 2007 were approved as written.

III. **Committee Charge**

Charlton reported that the revisions to the charge that were submitted by the Committee last year will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate this fall.

IV. **Review of Committee Activities of Past Year**

Schoenfelder reported that the major committee issues during the past year were the rising cost of scholarly publications and the Libraries Archival Facility. The Committee had monitored key developments pertinent to these two issues and had submitted the recommendation for the revision of the committee charge as already noted.

V. **University Librarian Updates**

- A. Baker reported that the serial cancellation of the past year amounted to \$217,000 representing 311 journals where the print version was cancelled, but an electronic version is still available, and 480 journals where no version is now available. The Libraries have been in the process of making these cancellations this summer.
- B. Progress on the Archival Facility has slowed down a bit this summer while the University determines where it will be located. Once that is finalized, the architect is ready to submit schematics to the Board of Regents. With BOR approval, the project will go to bid for a contractor. Construction should take about 1 year. Baker reported that she met with the various academic departments in the humanities last spring to discuss the facility and how it would operate.
- C. Baker distributed a summary of specific items funded with the additional \$2.6m provided to the Libraries this budget year. Although the Libraries gave up 2 vacant positions to the reallocation process, the Libraries did very well this budget cycle in terms of new funding for various initiatives.
- D. In June, 2007, Iowa signed the CIC agreement with Google to provide up to 10 million volumes for digitization from our collective book collections. Google will provide the CIC with full-text files for books out of copyright. Google will keep the remaining files

in escrow until they are out of copyright. Libraries will have bibliographic information on these titles.

- E. Baker also reported that the American Association of Publishers has begun a publicity campaign against open access initiatives on the grounds that it will threaten peer review. She noted that open access has nothing to do with peer review – that there currently are many open access journals that are peer reviewed. There is currently legislation before Congress that will mandate authors whose research is funded by NIH to deposit a copy of the publications resulting from that research into PubMed Central, the open access database of the National Library of Medicine.
- F. Baker has begun some discussions with Tom Rocklin,(Provost's Office), Steve Fleagle (ITS), and Barrett Anderson (Student Government President) about the creation of better learning spaces in the Libraries, particularly once the Archival Facility is available.
- G. As an update to the November 10th, 2006 meeting where the Committee viewed a Primo demonstration, Baker noted that the Libraries did become a charter customer which has given us earlier access to the software and some influence over product development. A soft release of the software is scheduled for September, and it will eventually replace the current smart search feature.

VI. **New Business**

There was no new business.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.