UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Monday, September 15th, 2014

Present:  Stewart Ehly, Chair; Ned Bowden; Jill Valde; Morten Schlutter; Charles Frohman; Julie Sexton; Patricia Duffel; Kristina Gavin; Liule Han; Lorraine Dorfman, Emeritus Faculty Council Representative

Staff:     John Culshaw, University Librarian; Kelly Avant, UL Assistant

Absent:   Samantha Kaplan

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM and introductions were made.

II. University Librarian Updates
   A. While the Libraries’ program review is not quite done, as Culshaw is currently writing the response to the external review report, the Libraries is going to begin the strategic planning process. We will hire a local consultant to oversee the process, and the goal is to have a clear and flexible, one-page plan with supporting documents.

   B. Facility projects in the Main Library include:
      a. A third floor room will be renovated as a faculty study room for quiet research; expected to be completed by January. Space will have restricted access to UI faculty only who can enter using their IowaOne card. While the space is small, if it is well used that would be a good problem to have; the Libraries needs data such as this as we consider future renovations.
      b. The Libraries’ received a $500,000 grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust to support the renovation of the exhibition space in the north lobby. The new gallery will meet museum standards for collections and we will also be able to attract national traveling exhibits. The gallery will add another dimension to the Learning Commons as people learn about our collections through exhibits, events, and lecture opportunities.
      c. The Libraries is working with the President’s Office to improve and enhance the fifth floor corridor space where the presidential portraits currently hang. The proposal is to get portraits painted of the three most recent presidents as well as to update the space and make sure the portraits are being presented in the best archival manner. The space will help highlight the history of the University.

   C. Culshaw updated the Committee on the progress of the Libraries’ withdrawals as part of the CIC Shared Print Repository project, last discussed at the 2/7/14 meeting. Over 7,000 Elsevier journal titles have been withdrawn so far.

   D. New associate university librarian Carmelita Pickett will begin at the Libraries on October 13 and a large part of her portfolio will be dealing with collections. Culshaw will have her come to a ULC meeting.

III. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.