

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, September 16th, 2005

Present: Thomas Charlton, Chair; John Fuller; Johnathan Gajdos; Ed Gillan; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Deborah Schoenfelder; Hal Richerson, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

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

Absent: Maria Barbosa; Pat Kenner; Syang-Chen Suen

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Charlton called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM; Committee members introduced themselves.

II. Appointment of Secretary

Baker offered her secretary to assist with the Committee for the year; the Committee moved to accept Avant as secretary.

III. Charge to the Committee

Reviewed the charge where the Committee is asked to advise the University Librarian in such areas as collections and services. There was a question on holding joint meetings with branch library liaisons. Avant will check with the branches and Hardin to see if they have departmental liaisons that can be invited to a future meeting.

IV. Updates/Discussion

A. Report from University Librarian

1. Collections

The Libraries received a 5% increase to the acquisitions budget this year, and Baker noted that UNI and ISU did not receive any increase. This is important because together we have an Elsevier deal in which if one of us subscribes to a journal, we all have access. It is unknown if ISU for example would cancel subscriptions how this would affect the deal. Our increase of course will not cover journal prices due to inflation, but we have managed to not have a journal cut for 3 years. Shreeves said they are working on getting just electronic when both print and electronic are available, as getting both is more expensive.

2. Facilities

The Chemistry Library completed its move over the Main Library this summer. The Art Library is anticipating moving into the new art building by spring 2006. Also, there are some discussions taking place on Seashore, which would affect the Psychology Library. The University has hired Reese Dill of Boston to create a proposal for a storage facility, and will be receiving initial sketches and an estimate. There is a library task force working on procedures to implement long term storage.

3. Personnel

The Libraries was able to increase the base salary of beginning librarians to \$40,000, which helps make us more competitive in the market. This is also important to help retain our current librarians.

There are administrative changes taking place due to the retirement and medical leave of 2 library directors.

4. Self Study

The Libraries will be undergoing a self study review in 2006; there is currently a committee meeting to begin the self study document. Baker is also undergoing administrative review this year.

Fuller asked if there were any issues that the Committee can work on in the coming year. Baker says there will be several service issues that she will be bringing to the Committee. She also said that scholarly publishing remains an important issue and that anything the Committee can do to educate faculty is appreciated.

B. Materials Budget

Charlton asked how funds were allocated to audio-visual materials. Shreeves said that he does not allocate funds by format, but by subject. For example, AV materials on anthropology would be purchased from that fund by the selector. Selectors are seeing an increase in demand for AV, particularly for use in the classroom. Shreeves estimates that \$120,000 was spent last year on AV materials across all subjects. In context of the entire materials budget, this represents about 1%, and overall approximately 20% of materials are for teaching and the rest for research.

C. Faculty Senate Resolution on Scholarly Publishing

The resolution draft contains language based on other university's resolutions, and Schoenfelder felt that this made sense to keep the language consistent across universities. Richerson asked about the overall movement on open access. Baker said libraries are all in a position of cutting materials and it is a global concern that material won't be available in the future to scholars. Other factors contributing to this movement are tightening budgets and consolidation of publishers. The committee discussed the problems with open access journals, such as prestige level of the journal, relationship to current tenure policies and practices and differences for clinical faculty. Institutional repositories are also going up where faculty can deposit their materials. Discussions have started here with ITS on developing an institutional repository. There are policy issues to address, such as who owns it, and technical issues such as long term accessibility.

The Committee reviewed the draft and suggested minor changes.

[2nd Whereas deleted and replaced by: WHEREAS the costs of scholarly journals are continually rising at rates greater than the rate of inflation and higher than the rate of University budget increases, and

1a renumbered as 1; 2a renumbered as 2; 1-2b deleted;]

The Committee moved to accept the document with changes and Charlton will find out how to submit it to the Senate.

V. Adjourned at 2:25 PM

Remaining Fall Semester meetings:

- Friday, October 14, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, 2032 LIB
- Tuesday, November 15, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, 2032 LIB