UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, November 17th, 2014

Present: Stewart Ehly, Chair; Ned Bowden; Patricia Duffel; Charles Frohman; Kristina Gavin; John Han; Dimitrios Latsis; George Johnson, Emeritus Faculty Council Representative

Staff: John Culshaw, University Librarian; Janna Lawrence, Deputy Director, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences; Kelly Avant, UL Assistant

Absent: Morten Schlutter; Julie Sexton; Jill Valde; Samantha Kaplan

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

II. Hardin Library Overview
The Hardin Library for the Health Sciences was completed in 1974, bringing together all the health sciences collections in one place. Staff at Hardin are largely involved in public services, as processing materials, for example, is done at Main Library. Hardin librarians taught almost 300 sessions last fiscal year, with over 4,700 participants. Workshops are also offered throughout the year and the outreach librarian travels throughout the state. Hardin also serves as the central location for simulation-related activity within the health sciences colleges and UIHC.

Systematic review is a new service that Hardin librarians are providing, assisting researchers with searching. The John Martin Rare Book Room is also a well-used resource. Hardin does also serve the general public and is the largest research medical library in Iowa. Lawrence noted that Hardin meets informally with the 6-7 small departmental libraries within the college departments/hospital, but there is no formal relationship. Those libraries mainly provide specialized reference materials and services to their department.

III. University Librarian Updates
A. The Libraries has begun the strategic planning process with the assistance of UI Organizational Effectiveness. The goal is a brief, flexible plan that with have action plans to support it. Timeline is to have the plan done by March and then begin the implementation process.

B. The faculty study room has been carpeted and furnished, but still waiting for the card reader to restrict the room to faculty access. Lockers will also be installed outside of the room. The committee will visit the area at the February meeting.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.