UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, February 7th, 2013

Present:  Stewart Ehly, Chair; Patricia Duffel; Morten Schlutter; Michael Davis; Heju “Helen” Jiang; Ashley Kral; Lorraine Dorfman, Emeritus Faculty Senate representative

Staff:  Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Mike Wright, Interim Associate University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Secretary

Absent:  Ned Bowden, David Stewart, Jill Valde, Miriam Janecheck

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

II. Updates
   a. Ehly asked the committee to forward to him any ideas or issues they would like discussed this spring.
   b. The University Librarian search is about to Skype with 8 possible candidates; this will help determine which candidates to bring to campus for on-site interviews.

III. Open Access Funding
   The Libraries and the Provost Office will be matching funds (a total of $50,000) to pay for an author’s publication fee to open access journals. The Committee reviewed the drafted guidelines; Wright noted that they need to add that P&S researchers are also eligible for the funding. Libraries are encouraging open access publishing as a way to counter the skyrocketing costs from publishers. Publishing in a full open access journal allows the article to be available to anyone. As a pilot program, the beginning funds are based on what other libraries have been doing, and it is hard to say at this time of it will be too little or too much. The process will involve a simple online form that the researcher will fill out and Wright will review and approve payment; the Libraries will then pay the fee directly to the publisher.

   Motion: Moved by Prof. Ehly to approve the guidelines, amended with the additional wording about P&S researchers. Motion carried.

   Baker will now send the guidelines to the Provost for final approval; an online form will be designed; and then the Libraries will promote this funding on campus.

IV. Updates from the University Librarian
   a. Art Library has been back in ABW for a year. The new music building is scheduled to be finished in 2016 and the music library will be on the first floor.

   b. Baker had been asked to report on initiatives at other CIC libraries, and she explained that when they meet, they mainly talk about joint efforts. With 13 members, these priorities can be a little different, so all 13 may not participate in a collaborative project; 1 or 2 can also go off together and do their own projects together. Baker also reviewed 5 of the current CIC projects which were also discussed at the November 15th meeting. Ehly asked if the other libraries had learning commons. Baker said yes, many had one before we did, as it is not a new concept. However, it was very beneficial to visit these libraries and they gave us good ideas that helped with our design.

V. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.