

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE

**Committee: University Libraries Committee
Year: 2007-2008**

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Committee Charge	<p>a. Advise on policy regarding the growth of the resources and services the University Libraries provide;</p> <p>b. Advise on policies regarding the assignment of facilities within the libraries and the availability of services which render the libraries more useful to members of the University community and the public;</p> <p>c. Advise on the coordination of the branch libraries and their services and resources with those of the Main Library and the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences;</p> <p>d. Advise on the use and development of library facilities including the</p>

	Main Library, the Branch Libraries, and off-site storage.
Meeting Dates	<p>September 10, 2007 November 12, 2007 February 8, 2008 April 11, 2008</p> <p>The approved minutes for the 4 meetings are posted on the University Libraries Committee web page.</p>
Activities	<p>The revised charge to the committee was presented to the Faculty Council (10/9/07) and to the Faculty Senate (11/27/07). Both Faculty Council and Faculty Senate approved the revisions. If required, approval by the Staff Council and the Student Government will be obtained.</p> <p>The CIC Statement on Publishing Agreements was presented to the Faculty Council (10/9/07) and to the Faculty Senate (10/23/07). The agreement was endorsed by both Faculty Council and Faculty Senate.</p> <p>The Libraries had a site review in September 2007. http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/admin/selfstudy/</p> <p>The concept of the Main Library as a “place to come” was introduced at the February 8, 2008 meeting, with most of the April 11, 2008 meeting devoted to that issue. Guests in attendance to enhance the discussion were Tom Rocklin, Vice Provost and Dean of the University College; Liz Whitt, Director of Student Success Initiatives; and David Grady, Associate Vice President and Director of University Life Centers. The question was raised whether there are specific library initiatives that could help with the campus drinking problem. That discussion was expanded to include potential efforts of the Main Library, the Iowa Memorial Union, and the Wellness Center that is under construction; creating an “Educational Corridor” that will attract students. In particular, the idea of Learning Spaces is being explored at the Main Library. The white paper, “Fostering Learning through Library Spaces”, is particularly instructive in defining and describing the history of library space and usage, current unmet needs, present-day usage of academic libraries, desired learning outcomes within libraries, what students say they want and need in the libraries they use, the current state of the Main Library, and recommendations for the Main Library to meet the needs and desires of its clientele.</p>
Issues of concern	<p>1. Learning Spaces</p> <p>This was a continuing theme for discussion during the academic year. There will be ongoing efforts to create learning spaces in the Main Library that meet the needs of students.</p> <p>2. Library accessibility and assistance locating library items.</p>

	<p>Library staff is aware of accessibility issues in the Main Library, as well as need for assistance to locate library materials. Different approaches are being piloted (e.g. a “roving librarian” program to start in the ITC and perhaps move to the upper floors).</p> <p>3. High Density Archival Facility</p> <p>The High Density Archival Facility is an important step to help with the two above-mentioned issues. The University Librarian kept the committee updated on the facility, with progress being slowed by determination of location of the facility and estimated cost to build the facility.</p> <p>4. The Main Library as a “Place to Come”.</p> <p>Committee members agreed that the committee’s role in this matter is to serve as a sounding board for the University Librarian, as efforts in this area go forward.</p>
<p>Recommendations, if any, to the Faculty Senate</p>	<p>1. Recommend that the issues raised above be monitored.</p>