

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, October 9th, 2009

Present: Stewart Ehly, Chair; Lyombe Eko; Pat Kenner; Joseph McKinley; George Hospodarsky, Staff Council Committee on Committees

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Amy Paulus, Head, Access Services; Randy Rumery, Executive Director of Major Gifts and Libraries' Liaison, UI Foundation; Kelly Avant, Secretary

Absent: Ben Hunnicutt; Tom Snee; Phil Wertz; Yangbo Ye

I. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM and introductions were made.

II. **University Librarian's Update**

A. Graduate Renewal Policy Change

The Libraries would like to change the renewal policy for graduate students and honor students from a twice a year (in January and June) renewal to once a year (in June). Materials will be due the last Wednesday of June. Library staff have witnessed the struggle that students go through renewing their books in January, an often snowy and cold time of the year. Additionally, the online environment of InfoHawk has made a difference; students are more aware of what they have checked out, and a physical accounting of the books twice a year is no longer necessary. The Committee agreed that this was a good change to make.

B. Baker reviewed current CIC activities. The Google book agreement license is being re-negotiated and we're not sure when they will be here to scan our select collections for inclusion in the project. CIC is very important for licensing databases. Almost all our licenses are through the CIC and thus form a powerful buying group which gets all our institutions big savings. Pilot groups are looking at how to coordinate keeping print backfiles between institutions as well as digitizing government publications backfiles.

C. Baker passed out information on an upcoming Open Access week lecture. The Committee asked Baker if the University has a policy on educating students, and Baker said they do not. However, the Libraries does this actively with our liaisons working with and educating graduate students.

III. Randy Rumery met with the Committee to discuss development initiatives for the Libraries. Fundraising initiatives include mailings and telefunds and meeting with major gift prospects. Rumery reviewed the different gift categories and the departments that work with them at the Foundation. A review of the FY2009 productivity report showed the Libraries received and deferred gifts for the year at \$986,354, down 51% from the previous year which is due to the economic situation. Baker said some gifts go to designated funds, such as a special collection, but most are undesignated with a request to enhance our collections. We also use gifts to buy equipment and we also have funds that support graduate assistants in different areas.

IV. New Business

Ehly asked the Committee if they found reading the articles on current library issues to be helpful and interesting. Avant was asked to compile article links and send them to Committee members every 2 weeks or so. The Committee said this would be useful to continue.

Kenner had some suggestions on possible topics if they were applicable, such as would devices such as the Kindle be a fundraising opportunity if they could be used to deliver student textbooks? Baker said the technology was not supportive at this time for that kind of application. Baker then mentioned a recent trial the Libraries had with an e-book company, which generated more use than we thought it would and users across disciplines were able to find and use these e-books. Kenner also wanted to know if the library system would work with the City of Literature award from UNESCO. Baker said yes, we have worked with literature people, most recently for the Iowa City Book Festival. It is possible when they hire somebody locally, we could do more with them.

V. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM