

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Present:** Stewart Ehly, Chair; Patricia Duffel; Ned Bowden; Morten Schlutter; Heju "Helen" Jiang; Lorraine Dorfman, Emeritus Faculty Senate representative; Sue Julich, Staff Council representative

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Hope Barton, Associate University Librarian; Linda Walton, Associate University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Absent:** Miriam Janecheck; Jill Valde; David Stewart; Michael Davis; Ashley Kral

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I. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.

II. **Library Services**

Barton and Walton went over the different types of services offered by the Libraries. Librarians offer a portfolio of services, including instruction, collection management, and outreach. They also support scholarly communication by talking with faculty about open access and other scholarly issues. Colleges and departments have assigned liaisons who do individual consultations or group instruction. Librarians also participate in summer orientation programs for students and also make the effort to talk to parents. It is difficult to evaluate the impact of these activities and we are struggling how to best measure besides looking for increases in classes that liaisons teach as well as number of consultations.

The Committee was interested in instruction, and it was noted that it is best for the library instruction to be part of the regular curriculum. At Main, the undergraduate experience is important and our new undergrad services librarian is working with TAs to make learning more interesting. Librarians have also created mini-tutorials, and the Committee thought this was a great idea. Short, online tutorials are very useful, and can also reach remote students. When the learning commons is complete, librarians will have options to do informal drop-in workshops on a variety of subjects throughout the academic year as appropriate.

Walton also discussed a little about outreach, and how one of the health science librarians visits small hospitals throughout the state to talk to staff there on how to access available resources.

III. **Goals**

Baker reviewed a document with the Committee that shows what the Libraries has done the past year as well as goals and priorities for the upcoming year. Some of these goals include: preparing for the opening of the Learning Commons in Fall 2013, streaming media for reserve, and local e-publishing.

IV. Ehly said he will be sending the Committee a note inviting suggestions on characteristics for a university librarian that they feel would meet campus needs. At future meetings, he will also provide updates on the progress of the search as appropriate.

V. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.