

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Present:** Ned Bowden; Mary Depew; Lyombe Eko, Chair; Pat Kenner; Tyler Ostergaard; David Stewart; Ashley Bruxvoort; Heju “Helen” Jiang; Rakesh Awasthi; Lorraine Dorfman, Emeritus Faculty Council representative

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

**Absent:** Michael Davis; Jennifer Burek Pierce

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I. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

II. **Research Study Rooms**

The Committee reviewed a proposal to repurpose the current faculty study rooms. These rooms have only been open to faculty until this year when we lost the graduate study area, we opened some of them up to Ph.D. students writing their dissertations. The graduate students have been very appreciative of this. The Libraries has decided to change the guidelines and also not allow occupants to stay for years, as has been done in the past. Space has become a premium in the building and the new graduate space will be considerably smaller, so this will help them as well, especially since they are our biggest users. The Committee agreed the rooms should be opened to these graduate students, and also to annually assign new occupants to the rooms.

III. **University Librarian Updates**

- A. Baker shared architect’s draft of the Learning Commons, showing concepts for traffic flow and types of spaces. The plan is to put the LC out for bid in mid-March, with major construction done by summer 2013. The south entrance will be closing after this spring semester to begin construction on that end of the building.
- B. Digital humanities initiatives are getting started. Jiang said is an undergraduate research fellow working with the cluster hires doing research, and has been working on several interesting projects. Baker noted the Libraries works on projects with faculty in our Digital Research and Publishing unit.
- C. Eko wanted to know how the Libraries makes the University community aware of e-books. Eko explained how he had found a recent book title in our catalog that he was going to make his students purchase, but now they can get it free. Barton noted it was very hard to make people aware of all the resources we have. Baker said that we should have liaisons work with their departments to remind them we have these resources. How we are delivering these e-books also varies, depending on the publisher’s platform which can limit downloads to just portions of a book. The publishing industry is struggling with how to deal with the evolving delivery methods and licensing terms. It was noted that if we don’t have a book, our new service UBorrow allows you to directly request a book from another CIC library, and this is useful if our copy is out you don’t have to wait for it to be recalled.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM