

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Present:** Stewart Ehly, Chair; Pat Kenner; Tom Sneer; Yangbo Ye; Evan Swanson

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Paul Soderdahl, Director, Library Information Technology; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Absent:** Lyombe Eko; Phil Wertz; Ben Hunnicutt; Nathan Votroubek; Raquel Case; Joseph McKinley

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I. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

II. **University Librarian's Update**

Baker said that the move of the mathematical sciences collection to Main and the psychology collection to Hardin went well; and people seem to be finding what they need (book recall is working well). Staff are starting to plan the moving of the geosciences and physics collections into the current Biological Sciences Library building, which will also be sending some materials out to the storage building. Baker also noted that the name of the building will be changed to the Sciences Library, to better represent the collections within the facility.

Baker mentioned that the newest classroom in the Information Arcade is being remodeled to become a TILE classroom. The University's TILE (Transform, Integrate, Learn, Engage) project seeks to create new learning space structures that address a variety of teaching and learning needs on campus. The classroom should be ready in time for fall classes.

III. **Library Technology**

Soderdahl distributed a handout noting some good written sources on how libraries are keeping up with technology, as well as current and upcoming "hot topics." Soderdahl noted that mobile devices are proving to be challenging, because how do you make an entire web site useable in a small device. The UI is focusing on making all mobile apps cross-platform. Another new technology is e-book readers. We do have staff investigating how libraries can offer these readers, but Soderdahl thinks we need to invest in the content instead of how it is delivered. Good data that is portable will allow others to create apps that can search, find and use our data.

The Committee asked about any current initiatives in e-publishing, and Soderdahl said we now have in production on IRO the *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review*, and are working on about half a dozen other titles.

IV. **New Business**

There was no new business.

V. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM