

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, March 4th, 2010

Present: Constance Berman, Chair; Pat Kenner; Philip Wertz; Kazuhiko Kido; Michael Davis; Abby Goerd; Lyombe Eko; Noah DeLong; Heju Jiang; Laird Addis, Emeritus Faculty Council representative

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Secretary

Absent: Yiqi Luo; David Stewart; Benjamin Hunnicutt

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

II. Updates from the University Librarian

A. Budget

While the FY12 budget is unknown at this time, Baker talked a little about the possibility if the Libraries did not receive their usual 5% increase to the collections budget. Librarians are working on “what if” scenarios just in case we need to do any cancellations. Normally the University has tried to protect collections because it is hard to go back and get what you didn’t purchase at the time of its publication.

B. Learning Commons

Baker reviewed the current first floor configuration of Main Library with the Committee, to show them how many staff-only areas there are on this floor. This arrangement evolved over time; one would design a library this way now. The plans for the commons will open up the lower floors for public use. If the budget is increased for the project, the entire east side could become the commons area, also allowing a 24/7 study space that could be closed off from the rest of the library.

C. Facilities

Art Building West should be ready to occupy late this year and the art library is expected to move back in between fall and spring semesters. The Main Library’s HVAC update should be complete in April, and the lighting upgrade project is still underway. At Hardin, windows are being replaced, and this summer the library will close May 15 – August 15 to allow HVAC improvements in that facility. Library staff will be relocated to other library buildings, and arrangements are being made to retrieve books for users and offer alternative services.

III. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM