

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Present:** Stewart Ehly, Chair; Miriam Janecheck; Patricia Duffel

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

**Absent:** Ned Bowden; David Stewart; Michael Davis; Morten Schlutter; Jill Valde; Heju "Helen" Jiang; Ashley Kral

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I. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.

II. **University Librarian Updates**

- A. Displaced staff from the first floor moved to new offices at the end of July. We're still working out some kinks in lighting, for example.
- B. When the south entrance closed in July, we consolidated circulation services at the information desk. This will be the model we will follow when the learning commons opens.
- C. Construction on the Learning Commons officially began in August; they are currently doing demolition on the old staff spaces. We are looking at having the commons to be open 24/5, and the facility will have a combination of computers, seating, group studies, and interactive learning areas along with an expanded café.
- D. A new graduate study room on third floor was created after we had to remove the old study carrels from the fourth floor to accommodate shelving.
- E. Ehly asked about the budget; Baker said we are doing well and have had an increase in the materials budget, which is usually around 5%. There are also some administrative level retirements coming up as well as Baker's own retirement next summer.

III. **Planning**

Ehly asked if there were any items they would like the council to consider this year. Janecheck mentioned that she felt more quiet study areas in the building were needed and she noted the problems of an older building with a lack of outlets for charging today's electronics. The group agreed an update of library services would be helpful; Baker said she will have the Main and Hardin services directors come to the October meeting.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.