

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, September 16th, 2011

Present: Lyombe Eko, Chair; Ned Bowden; Mary Depew; Pat Kenner; Ashley Bruxvoort; Tyler Ostergaard; Rakesh Awasthi

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

Absent: Jennifer Burek Pierce; David Stewart; Michael Davis

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM

II. **Faculty Senate Questionnaire**

Charter committees are being reviewed by the shared governance group, so Eko wanted to review with the Committee the answers they had sent to him in order to complete the questionnaire. Everyone felt the committee was generally balanced, and that the scope was adequate and effectively describes the Committee's work. One weakness was felt to be that the committee may need more faculty members, since faculty attendance can be irregular thus making the committee less representative of that group. Eko and Baker are individually meeting with shared governance reps at the end of this month.

III. **University Librarian Updates**

- A. The digital studio for public humanities has been created and is sharing space with our digital library services. The studio was designed primarily for faculty and as a means to promote digital humanities and public engagement.
- B. Two shared digital repository agreements have been signed; one with the CIC, the other between us, Iowa State, and Wisconsin. These agreements will allow us to identify items that one place will keep (for example in the CIC agreement, items will be kept at Indiana), and then the institution can get rid of the duplicate items. This will potentially gain us a lot of needed space. Currently details are still being worked out on these agreements.
- C. Baker briefed the committee on the proposed learning commons project for the Main Library. The project has to be approved by the Board of Regents at their October meeting before it is officially announced. The east half of the first floor is to be remodeled and the ITC computers will be moved to this area. The project is very complicated because it involves moving 3 library departments to the fifth floor, and a large part of this floor will have to be cleared before any construction can begin.
- D. In conjunction with all the changes that need to happen to allow the building of the learning commons, the graduate carrels on the 4th floor will have to be removed in November and eventually re-created elsewhere in the building (current carrels will not re-assemble safely). Baker regrets the timing, and is working on identifying other arrangements, especially for those working on their dissertations. She will be asking the graduate student senate on advice on how to best design a new graduate study space.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM