

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, September 3rd, 2010

Present: Constance Berman, Chair; Michael Davis; Lyombe Eko; Pat Kenner; Philip Wertz; Abby Goerd; Kazuhiko Kido

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

Absent: Benjamin Hunnicutt; David Stewart; Heju Jiang

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM. Since this was the first meeting of the new academic year, committee members introduced themselves.

II. **Updates**

Baker went over some of the Libraries' activities since the Committee last met:

- A. The University has contracted with the Iowa City Public Library to provide children's literature collections and services for our students/faculty. Curriculum materials will remain in the College of Education, the Main Library will provide Reserve Services for those classes that use children's books, and ICPL will house, circulate, and assist onsite users of the main children's collection. Barb Campbell from the Curriculum Lab will serve as a liaison to the Main Library and to ICPL.
- B. In May, the geosciences and physics libraries were closed, and their materials were consolidated into the Sciences Library (formerly Biological Sciences), Main, and the annex.
- C. In the University's draft strategic plan, there is a proposal to create a learning commons space in the Main Library. The goal would be to redesign the first floor to have high tech, collaborative spaces and combined services. The proposal has been approved by the Campus Planning Committee and will have to be approved by the Regents. In the meantime, a group is meeting to plan the facility.
- D. We have finally finished scanning about 500,000 books that were moved out to the Annex in the last year.
- E. The Libraries completed a pilot project on user selection, where after a certain number of requests for an e-book by a user, then the Libraries bought the book. Although we refined the scope of available books, the program will continue.
- F. Librarians are partnering with the Living Learning Communities project for freshman. This is a way for us to reach the students so that they learn about the Libraries' services.
- G. The University's first T.I.L.E. classroom was created in Main Library and open for fall classes.
- H. The second Iowa City Book Festival (www.iowacitybookfestival.org) was held in July and was very successful.
- I. UI Facilities has begun a few projects in the Main Library, such as upgrading all the lighting and working on the HVAC system to make it more efficient.

III. **Office Delivery Service**

Baker reviewed the Libraries' office delivery service, and noted that History and Political Science do not participate because these departments opted out of the service. Berman said the history department is resisting this program which is unfortunate, since she used office delivery when she was at Oakdale Hall and felt that it was a wonderful service. Baker said it is up to each department whether they want to participate.

IV. **New Business**

Berman asked the Committee if they had any ideas for future discussion, to please let her know.

V. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM