

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
November 3rd, 2003
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Jim Lovvorn, chair, Jamie Kearley, Maggie Farrell, DC Thompson, Derek Montague, Lori Phillips, Birgit Burke, Paula Muñoz, Don Roth, Jennifer Mayer, Ben Koch, Scott Shaw, Tami Hert, Heather Sanchez.

UW Libraries Dean Maggie Farrell called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

Book Review and Possible Sale (Bill Van Arsdale and Maggie Farrell)

- Faculty members, the AHC and State Agencies review materials that were either given to us as gifts that will not be added to our collection, or items that are being withdrawn from our catalog. This will continue through November. In December or January we will have a book sale. Watch the list serves for a date and place announcement.

Communication Update on Whitepaper Discussions (Maggie Farrell)

- Several forums have been held and several more are scheduled. In addition, several college and departmental meetings have been held. We are getting good discussions at the forums although attendance has not been overwhelming. Lori Phillips and David Kruger made a presentation to ASUW on the library and the Whitepaper was a part of that presentation. Jim Lovvorn conveyed a note from the A&S Library Council that they felt it would be useful to the departments to have some hard figures on the cost/benefit of giving up the current allocation system.

Comments regarding Whitepaper on Libraries Collection Budget Process (Maggie Farrell):

- There is a general resistance to change among faculty. Two questions that Jim would like answered are:
 1. If we as a department give up our power to determine what we purchase, who does decide and how do we get input? In answer to the first question, what are the appropriate modes of organization for this? Discipline wide or University wide? A University wide mode would be good for consistent policies and principles.
 2. Regarding Web of Knowledge, do we still have to have electronic subscriptions or document delivery to journal articles identified by the Web of Knowledge. The short answer to that is yes.
- How will the Libraries work with the dictates of the publishers? Universities in union can and should approach publishers with their demands for reasonable and consistent prices. The problem is that libraries have been as effective as possible. It is up to University administrators to decide to create unions with other universities and negotiate with publishers. Another alternative is for professional groups to publish their own scholarly journals.

- A student perspective: There is a difference between what graduate students are looking for and what undergrads are looking for. Graduate students need more specific journals while undergrads just need general resources. Undergrads who are under a time crunch will not use ILL but will use what ever they can find on-line. If they can't find what they need online, they will go to the stacks. The bulk of ILL users are faculty, followed by grad students.
- What do other Universities do? Some Universities have a campus committee that makes recommendations to the library. Some libraries put out a list of possible cuts and possible additions for campus review, and then make decisions based on campus response. Some have super bibliographers who manage the collection, soliciting input and overseeing collection development. Guidelines and principles for developing the collection can be delineated so that the collection is developed in accordance with the guidelines. The Web is good for participation in the process of disseminating information and collecting input. The faculty need to understand how the communication will work, what they gain from giving up the current allocation process, and some hard figure scenarios that illustrate why/how its worthwhile.
- What is being done to change the publishing system? It takes a big power like the entire University of California system acting together to make a dent in publishers. UW's activity on the national level is limited because of our size. ARL libraries have more clout, but issues of publication for T&P purposes are outside of library control. Regarding using consortiums to boost buying power, many publishers will not deal with consortiums. Some will not deal with groups whose membership crosses state lines.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, February 2nd at 3:15 in Coe 115.

Council Chair Jim Lovvorn adjourned the meeting at 4:30.