

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
October 11th, 2004
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Mary Hart, chair; Jamie Kearley, Kent Jaehnig, Doug Smith, Tawnya Plumb, Jim Lovvorn, Ben Koch, Kathy Marquiss, Mark Sunderman, Leslie Rush. Libraries: Janis Leath, Mark Jacobs, Sally Scott, Sandy Barstow, Maggie Farrell,

UW Libraries Council Chair Mary Hart called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

Overview of Library Statistics (Maggie Farrell) Maggie has been trying to bring information to the Council from a little more “upstream” so that the council can advise on situations coming up rather than reacting to situations as they happening or have already happened. The library council is mostly faculty but also includes a community representative and both undergraduate and graduate representatives. Maggie provided a handout with the names, affiliations and contact information for the library council members and a statistical 10 year summary for UW Libraries. The statistics reflect changes in how people use the library. For instance, although circulation and materials shelved counts have gone down, website visits have gone up resulting in a total number of people accessing the library and its resources that stays fairly constant.

New Electronic Resources Development (Janis Leath, Interim Head of Collection) Janis Leath is interim head while Bill Van Arsdale is on sabbatical. The first new group of electronic resources that we have added includes Nature OnLine, Science, Proceedings for the National Academy of Science, Web of Science and some additional sections of JSTOR. The second new group will be four new e-journal packages that will come up in January, including OVID Medical, Project MUSE, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the ACM. Web of Science currently goes back to 2000 and we are, hopefully going to get more. For every 5 years of Web of Science, we pay \$100,000.

Science Direct/Elsevier Negotiations (Mark Jacobs, Electronic Resources Librarian) Elsevier Information is a vendor/publishing company that is based in Western Europe. It is one of the largest publishers for scientific journals. Currently we are negotiating as a consortium for Science Direct. Items that are important in the contract are 1) price, 2) duration, 3) to be acknowledged as a California Digital library style understanding of the consortium as an entity. In order to have the journals begin in January, we hope to have the negotiations concluded by Thanksgiving. Ease of access increases use for even formerly little to medium use journals. Tracking use can take different forms such as tracking searches, texts retrieved and citations. The Library Council asked for information on the impact of the Elsevier contract on individual colleges and the impact of the contract over a five year plan.

CSU Faculty Resolution (Maggie Farrell) The CSU memorandum is a review of what CSU is doing. If the library council thinks this is an appropriate thing to do at UW, it is the council’s choice to bring it to UW faculty senate and/or to the UW Administration. In terms of asking the President to add support to the library, President Dubois prefers that we look at funding projects

rather than look at inflationary funds and will not look at continuing funds this year, although he may next year. Funding projects might include back files. Can we take a faculty endowment but create a library endowment for funding journals, etc.? The idea has been discussed but nothing concrete has been decided yet. How are we doing on fundraising? Regarding Development, the libraries now have a development board. We have received a \$1 million endowment that will be paid in full June of 2005, 3 \$50,000 endowments all of which will be matched with state funds. Skye Heeren, our development officer will give a report at the November meeting.

ILLC Update (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean of Libraries) Level II planning has been completed. The project will be presented to the State Building Commission in late October. The State Building Commission will forward their recommendations to the Governor. In December, the Governor submits the state budget recommendations to the Legislature. The Legislature will meet on the budget requests through January and February with final action on the requests expected at the end of February. As we are going before the legislature this session, we may request the Library Council to write letters to go to the legislature. If your departments have any comments on the science library closing, please direct them to Maggie. Maggie and Sandy can come visit your departments or colleges if your departments or colleges request it.

FUTURE MEETINGS

November 22

February 14

March 28

Council Chair Mary Hart adjourned the meeting at 4:30.