

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
Jan. 30th, 2006
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Mary Hart, chair, Bob Staley, Edward Janak, Kent Jaehnig, Maggie Farrell, Ben Koch, Doug Smith, Kathy Marquiss. Library attendees: Jamie Kearley, David Kruger, Sandy Barstow, Debbie McCarthy, Mike Nelson, Lori Terrill, Cheryl Goldenstein, Lori Phillips. Also present: Tom Buchanan.

Library Council chair Mary Hart called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the new time slot. Participants introduced themselves. Mary gave a short introduction to the council's purpose for this semester with a preview of some coming topics.

AGENDA ITEMS

Announcements (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries)

- Lori Phillips, the Associate Dean of the Library will be working in the president's office part-time this semester, assisting President Buchanan while Andy Hansen is away on an ACE fellowship. Lori Phillips and Jamie Kearley will be job-sharing this semester.

UW Libraries Legislative Request Update (Tom Buchanan, President, UW)

- UW has a block grant request into the legislature. As part of this request, we asked for \$2 million annually for Collection Development. There are some legislators who are concerned that UW Libraries were not admitted to GWLA and may put forward a resolution asking for more money for collections. ASUW and the A&S development board also sent communications to the governor supporting additional funds for the libraries' collections. The State Budget Office recommended no increase in funding, a standard response for that office. In early November, the UW President and others met with the governor and the budget staff. The result was that the governor recommended \$1.5 million. The governor's recommendation included permission for UW to continue to lobby the legislature to restore the ask to \$2 million. 2 weeks ago UW met with the JAC. The Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) concurred with the governor on the \$1.5 million. When the legislature starts, UW will lobby for \$2 million. The money will come to UW as a block grant which gives UW the flexibility to apply funds in areas that may not have been especially singled out by the JAC. At the moment, not getting into GWLA and the argument that the library is the backbone of university academics is persuading people and getting the story through to them. Still, this doesn't mean we will get the money. The role of the library council in this is to work through Maggie who is working with Rick Miller, the legislative liaison for UW. Rick Miller's job is to work the legislature. He likes his job and he's good at it. There is an art to lobbying and efforts are most successful when they are sensitively coordinated at a central point and that point for UW is Rick Miller. By the end of the week, President Buchanan will have met with 90 legislators and throughout, he is keeping the library at the front of the conversation. 2 years from now, we will ask for funds for collection development again and hope eventually to have a very good collection development budget. Please watch for

President Buchanan's budget request documents to show up in his outbox. He will keep that updated.

Sage Journal package (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries)

- Libraries added the entire Sage package. Information on this package will be coming out later this week or next week via e-mail.

Journal Review Project (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries)

- We believe that journal review is a good management practice whether or not we are getting a raise in our budget. Journal reviews are good management practice whether or not we are getting money because classes change, the focuses of faculty research change, and the quality or importance of individual journals changes. For example, two years ago Larry Schmidt, the subject bibliographer for Engineering, did a thorough review with engineering faculty which revealed some gaps in our journals subscriptions. This is an ideal time to weed out secondary or obsolete journals. While it takes several years to get through an in-depth review of journals by discipline, it is worthwhile. Council members who have been through the process have agreed that it is beneficial to see what we have and what we need. Maggie also stressed that the journal review process is a good opportunity for communication between subject bibliographers and departments. We hope that the process will help us to prioritize our needs and align our collection with UW's academic goals. Maggie talked about the journal review page and gave the Council preliminary copies of it. The page is not yet available although Council members can access it through the URL on the handouts. Debbie McCarthy, Head of Technical Services, explained how we track the Elsevier packages to track costs for journals within the packages, broken out by discipline. Subject bibliographers will be contacting the departments soon. If, while you are looking at your journals you find an error, please contact Janis Leath or your subject bibliographer.

Library Addition Process (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean, UW Libraries)

- The meeting ran out of time before this item was reached. Sandy will send her update via e-mail.

Future meetings:

Currently we are scheduled to meet Feb 27 and March 27 but we may need to reschedule those as we are running into conflicts with other schedules for the spring semester. Maggie will look at new meeting dates and circulate them.

Council Chair Mary Hart adjourned the meeting at 4:00.