

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
Feb. 27th, 2006
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Ben Koch, Kathy Marquis, Bob Staley, Carolyn Anderson, Ed Janak, Kent Jaehnig, Tanya Plummer, Doug Smith and Shane Broughton. Also Attending: Sandy Barstow, Cheryl Goldenstein, Jamie Kearley, Diana Shelton, Janis Leath, Tami Hert, Paula Munoz, Maggie Farrell, and Birgit Burke.

Library Dean Maggie Farrell called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Participants introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

Announcements (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries)

- The update on the legislative request is that it is going well. The JAC was concerned that GWLA did not accept UW Libraries for membership and so are extremely favorable to augmenting our collection development budget. The goldenrod colored handout is of a proposed amendment sponsored by John Barasso, Tex Boggs, and Mike Massie for 12 million in one time funding for public, community college, and UW libraries. This one time request will be for 2 years. The concern is that it is only for 2 years, however, if we are able to get the funding once, it increases the likelihood that we will receive it again. The “reports” mentioned on the handout refers to the expectation that UW Libraries funding is tied to re-application to GWLA. We should know what is happening by March 10th or 11th.

Journal Review Project (Janis Leath, Collection Development)

- The review began on February 1st. The final report on recommended changes is due March 7th. Quite a few subject bibliographers have met with faculty, departments, department liaisons, and so on. The process of journal review involves looking at what we need to get cancel but also at what we need to add. New subscriptions are coming out of this process as well.

Science Library to Storage Facility (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean, UW Libraries)

- Sandy provided the ILLC update handout as promised last month. She gave some background on the decisions and conversations that have ultimately led to this point. In 2004 Sandy and Maggie met with departments that would be affected by the conversion of the Science Library to compact shelving. The departments understood the need for and became supportive of the change. The plan is for the ILLC to break ground in summer 2007 if all goes well with the Anthropology building. However, permission was given to start the remodeling the Science Library this spring. By the time the ILLC construction begins, the compact shelving should be completed. Current thinking is that older periodicals, especially for ones where we have electronic access, are a prime category for moving onto compact shelving. An area of approximately 20,000 square feet will be filled with compact shelving, 400,000 or more volumes. The current plan is to shift books within the library as compact shelving is constructed. The availability of reference and circulation services is still to be determined. Current periodicals from Science will be

moved to Coe, the current periodicals collection combined and moved to an area large enough to accommodate the combined collection. Thanks much to Doug Smith who is on the Science Library Remodeling committee and has provided valuable input.

Strategic Needs within the Collections (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries)

- The last time the Libraries received a significant increase in funding, the Library Council sat down and decided where the money should go. This time we are asking Library Council to review the UW Academic Plan to outline priority areas for the university that the Libraries' collection needs to address. Library Council members are asked to review the Academic Plan, consult with colleagues, and formulate suggestions for future spending. It was noted that the MFA program discussed on page 8 of the plan has already come into being and received a grant of a half million although what direction their collection needs will go has yet to be determined. The Honors program is also growing. Other areas that the Council noted as being in need of resources included the following:
 - Ecology – needs journals
 - Neuroscience – journals and books. In conjunction with the Neuroscience area, reproductive biology, biomedicine and molecular biology were noted as needing journals. Overall it appears that there is an unmet need for medical journals in particular. Web of Science, JSTOR and ISI backfiles would be good additions to the collection as would INSPEC (IEEE).
 - Anthropology – journals and books
 - Languages – specifically the Asian languages, unsure of the need but probably journals and books.
 - Wyoming and the West – This is an interdisciplinary area. There appears to be a need for materials in all formats.
 - School of Energy – journals
 - Engineering – The new Materials Science area needs journals. Another area that is growing is Water Studies.
 - American Studies – This area has ties to Wyoming and the West, Women's Studies, Chicano Studies, International Studies, African American Studies and Native American Studies and needs materials in all formats. This area has a strong tie-in to diversity initiatives.
 - Education – The areas of professional development and curriculum (action items 20, 21, and 22) are in need of books. Additional materials in electronic formats would be useful in accommodating the growth in the remote programs in Early Childhood and Adult Leadership.
 - Business – Action items 23 and 24 outline some needs.
 - History – History is pursuing a PhD in History in conjunction with CSU. Religious Studies is now housed in History as well. They have a need for materials in all formats.
 - English MFA – needs resources in poetry and writing across the curriculum.

A question was raised concerning how we get out of the cycle of paying ever higher prices for journals that we have to have access to as academics? One answer is to use open source, promote on-line journals, and getting faculty to band together to fight the publishers. While these are nice options, it was also pointed out that we pay for the legitimacy of publishing in a highly ranked, peer-reviewed journal. Dean Farrell

explained that in the Libraries, when we negotiate prices for journals, we lock in a cap on inflationary increases for the period of the contract then re-negotiate at the end of that period. It was also noted that we need a balance in our collections of both electronic and physical materials that we need on site and the technology to access materials we don't own. Currently, we prefer to buy electronic access over print in order to accommodate outreach students and people working from home at odd hours. A final question was asked: what areas are not covered by the Academic Plan? Kinesiology and nursing, tourism or hotel/restaurant management were other areas that were mentioned. Audio-visual materials were another area of the collection that was singled out for expansion. We have begun to increase our DVD collection with the American Film Institute's top 100 films and the Movement series collections. The possibility of promoting a film series was discussed. A question was asked about the difference between public and private showings in terms of campus viewing. Roughly, if the film you are showing is tied to the class you are showing it in, it is a private showing. If it is not, it is a public showing.

Future meetings:

Currently we are scheduled to meet March 27 but there is a conflict with Faculty Senate. Do you wish to reschedule? The response indicated that keeping the meeting on Mar. 27th from 3-5 was the preferred option.

Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries adjourned the meeting at 4:30.