

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
March 5, 2007
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Carolyn Anderson, Ed Janak, Doug Smith, David Kruger, Steve Boss, Birgit Burke, Robert Perrote, Maggie Farrell, Tawnya Plum, Sandy Barstow, Lori Phillips, Bob Staley, Sara Williams, Ken Jaehnig, Donal Skinner, Kathy Marquiss, Emily Spicer

Library Chair Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Participants introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative Wrap-up (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries)

- Legislative Funding Update: We requested additional money for construction and were approved for \$4.9 million. The estimate brought forward by the Construction Manager at Risk for the project came in at a lower price than we anticipated so while the \$4.9 is less than we had hoped for, we think it will be sufficient. If not, there are ingredients in the remodeling plan that can be eliminated (such as staff furniture, public furniture, etc.) in 2008 our one big ask will be for on-going funds for collection development (\$3 to5 million annually) with the figure to be determined later. We should know by April, Old Main will finalize the request in May, and if it is approved by the Trustees, the request will go to the Governor in September. Library Council will be asked to help in aspects of this legislative ask. The Mountain Plains Libraries Association leadership award was given to the Wyoming legislators. It will be awarded in New Mexico but was also announced at the Wyoming legislative session last week. The Wyoming Legislature was nominated by the Wyoming Libraries Association. Mike Massie will be the person who will formally receive the award on behalf of the legislators in New Mexico.

ILLC Time-line (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean UW Libraries)

- Sandy gave an update on the ILLC. A formal timeline will be coming forward from the FCI contractor soon hopefully. Because the Anthropology project is somewhat delayed, our project will also be delayed. Demolition of the old Anthropology building is scheduled to begin late in the summer. This phase of the project will include tearing up the alley and loading dock to rework the water lines and chilled water pipe. Landscaping around Coe Library will look more like the new landscaping in Prexy's Pasture. Renovations will begin in the 1978 stack tower as collection and people are moved out of specific floors. By 2009 we should be moved into the renovated 1978 area and renovation will begin on the 1956 floors and the 1978 floors that weren't completed in the first phase. The ILLC design team will be on site Wednesday and Thursday of this week. There will be open meetings in Coe 115 and Library Council members are welcome to on the 7th for the discussion on interior design elements (carpet, tiles, windows, etc.)

Library Annex Update (David Kruger, Head of Annex)

- David gave an update on the Annex. The move has started. The last update he gave was in October and since then, much progress has been made. Electronic document delivery is very well received by patrons and is getting a lot of use. The older serials, print indexes are going to be making the physical shift as soon as the virtual shift of records is completed by Technical Services. The physical shift can only go as fast as Technical Services can change catalog records to reflect location change. The council members discussed service requests for document delivery and call-slip (physical item, book or journal) delivery. They asked for circulation statistics. Several council members expressed their enthusiasm for electronic document delivery. They noted that there weren't as many complaints about the Science Library being closed as might have been expected because the delivery service is so fantastic. A suggestion was made to advertise the service by communicating with faculty senate. Another suggestion was to have a link on the webpage. Another question was how much time is saved by staffing to have electronic document delivery instead of shelving browsed books. The libraries are committed to exploring the continuation/expansion of these services because the demand is so high and the response so positive.

Find It Fast (Lori Phillips, Associate Dean)

- One of the libraries' responses to the LibQual version 1 complaint was that finding resources was too confusing. Find It Fast is our solution. You enter a search query into the form and it spits out lots of responses. You can then search within/sort the responses, set limits, etc. If you see a link you like, click on the Find It at UW button and work through the screens to get to the material- including links to inter-library loan if the material is not available at UW. Citation Finder is a part of this same software. You can also look up journal titles and browse their contents. The next step in our process is to have individuals tell us what they need and then for us to figure out to deliver what they need. This requires a lot of automation and how we accomplish this goal is still under consideration. The great thing about Serials Solutions that sells and services this software and hardware is that Serials Solutions has a huge archive of connections between libraries. Serials Solutions also does requests to add connections.

Digital Projects Overview (Steve Boss, Head of Library Systems)

- Steve gave a follow-up report on the Alliance Digital test bed projects he presented last month. He showed the council members the link for his digital projects page that will soon allow patrons to search and view digital content. The Alliance Digital test bed is being run on Fedora. Steve displayed examples of some of our digital images – the digital herbarium – that will be available soon. Other collections under preparation are the Wyoming Genealogical database, and the Russian collection that we currently have on disc. Undergraduate research is another potential showcase project. The undergraduate research site may not be open to everyone but could potentially be locked down to UW IP addresses. However, this is the same information that is available through a book currently put out by the UW Office of Research. The process is very similar to the policy governing theses. Theses and other research can be embargoed for various reasons.

Other Topics

Reminder – Please be sure to take the LibQual survey that we have on-line. Access is through the Libraries' webpage. We are looking for feedback so please encourage your co-workers, students,

and so on to fill out the survey. Also, another request – please plan to view and vote on the Trick My Book Truck contest on display out side Coe 115. Thank you!

Final Spring 2007 meeting:
April 9th

Doug Smith, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:30.