

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
March 3, 2008
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Library Council Members: Shane Broughton, Donal Skinner, Snehalata Huzurbazar, Ed Janak, Doug Smith, Robert Staley, Ann Marie Lane, Mary Henning, Emily Guier. Library attendees: Sandy Barstow, Sara Williams, Maggie Farrell, Lori Phillips, Birgit Burke, Jamie Kearley, Susan Wynne, David Kruger, Debbie McCarthy.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Announcements (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries)

Budget Update: Everything is going well. There was an amendment proposed to increase our collection development budget for this year that did not pass, however, it got good support and is keeping the topic in play. Maggie explained the public libraries endowment bill. The proposal is for a challenge endowment that provides matching funds, similar to the matching funds in place for the University. Recently there have been articles on this proposal in the Casper Star-Tribune and the Cheyenne paper. We hope that it passes. All NIH funded peer-reviewed articles dating to fiscal year 08 are mandated to be deposited into PubMed within 12 months of the official publication date for the article. For more information, please go to <http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/nih/> David Kruger is coordinating this process for UW. UW Libraries will be hosting a webcast on institutional compliance with the recent National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy. The webcast, titled "Institutional Compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy: Ensuring Deposit Rights," is a joint presentation of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC). The webcast will be held at the Coe Library Electronic Classroom from 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 on Friday, March 7, 2008. Vice Presidents of research, administrators and staff in funded research and grants offices, campus compliance officers, and others who will be responsible for fulfilling their organizations' compliance obligations as NIH grantees are encouraged to attend.

Journal Evaluation Update (Sara Williams, Head of Collection Development, UW Libraries)

There is a button on the right hand side bar on the libraries' home page <http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/index.cfm> that is titled 2008-09 Journal Evaluation that will lead you directly to the journal evaluation site. We've received many suggestions for new journals but few for cancellations. Please encourage your faculty to submit suggestions and cancellations by 3/31/08.

GWLA Funding Update (Sara Williams, Head of Collection Development, UW Libraries)

Sara distributed a handout showing the number of items purchased to date. We've bought a bit of everything, including maps, DVDs, databases, back files, book sets, and special collections materials. Our collection is a great deal stronger now because of this funding.

Catalog Replacement (Lori Phillips, Associate Dean, UW Libraries) The Integrated Library Systems (ILS) handles all the core functions for the library – accounting, inventory control,

logistics, reserves, etc. – and the separate modules “talk” to each other. UW Libraries has been investigating new ILS programs. Our public access catalog is currently an inventory list. Some of the newer systems are a lot more active. Lori brought up the Binghamton University Libraries’ website, <http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/> to demonstrate their search engine. Google – like, it is similar to a commercial service, interactive, able to be refined by tag, limited by collection, language, type, publishing date, etc. Bringing a new library catalog/interface is very exciting for us, although it may not be quite so exciting for you. We don’t anticipate a huge learning curve because this system is so intuitive, but we will be doing training. The new catalog may appear in the fall of 2009, with migration behind the scenes as early as spring 2009. This is not an inexpensive option for us and we will be pressing hard for good pricing. We will be undergoing a lot of work as it is a significant project to migrate to a new ILS, especially under the conditions of construction; however, we are very unhappy with our current ILS. For instance, the circulation module doesn’t recognize when it has checked books back in and sends out erroneous overdue notices. This isn’t good. A Library Council member asked if we were looking at doing any part of our catalog in the meta-universe. We don’t currently have the programming staff available. Another question was raised about the funding for this acquisition. The current funding from the legislature is for collections not a new ILS. We will be working closely with the ILS vendor to explore a range of prices to address both traditional and subscription payment plans. In addition, because UW Libraries provides the system for both the Law Library and the American Heritage Center, we will be asking the University for funding towards a new ILS.

ILLC Update (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean, UW Libraries) We have a huge crane on-site – a 200 ton crane – to move the structural steel beams into place over the next couple months. The big concrete structure in the middle of the hole is the formed concrete stairwell surround for the new addition. The webcam address is <http://digitalcollections.uwyo.edu/blogs/ILLC/netcam.htm> in case you are interested in watching the process. Interior remodeling work is still on-going for levels 5 and 6 of the 70’s building. They are finished with the drywall and ductwork and are installing light fixtures and the ceiling grid. They hope to be ready for the punch list walk through late March, early April for those two floors, and moving Technical Services and Systems into their new space by the end of May. Bill Overton, the shelving design/layout consultant from New York who is working on this project, hopes to have a plan for creating our stack space shortly. Sandy presented the color board and explained the significance and use of the various materials. There will be granite counter tops in the bathrooms, at the Circulation desk and maybe the Book and Bean, with granite backsplashes where appropriate. The Reading Room will have a wooden ceiling/acoustic tiles and both the Reading Room and the meeting commons will have maple paneling. We don’t have samples for everything and the colors for the furniture still remain to be picked out.

Final spring 2008 meeting:
April 7th

Tawnya Plumb, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:30.