

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
April 7, 2008
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Library Council Members: Tawnya Plumb, Snehalata Huzurbazar, Ed Janak, Doug Smith, Anne Marie Lane, Mary Henning, Emily Guier. Library attendees: Maggie Farrell, Sara Williams, Sandy Barstow, David Kruger, Jamie Kearley, Steve Boss, Debbie McCarthy, Lori Phillips, Tami Hert, Birgit Burke

Library Chair Tawnya Plumb called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the last library council meeting for the year! Attendees introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

UW Budget Update (Maggie Farrell, Dean UW Libraries) We have confirmation of \$9.36 million biennial for library collections from the UW Budget. The next step will be for Maggie to meet with Academic Affairs for strategic planning for use of the funds including a permanent allocation to the Law Library. Maggie discussed the digitization initiative part of the request. If anything develops over the summer regarding funding Maggie will let the library council know. Mary Henning spoke briefly about the increase in funding for community college libraries.

Journal Evaluation Update (Sara Williams, Head of Collection Development, UW Libraries) There were very few requests for cancellations and a long list of new titles requested. The list of titles will go through price verification and then posted for review. The \$9 million can be eaten up quickly by increases in journal subscription prices. One way to achieve some savings is to set up 2-3 year packages of multiple journals. We will be looking at cancelling print journals for electronic when we are carrying both. Thank you to everyone for responding to the journal review. For the month of April, Collection Development will be cleaning up the list and identifying package deals. In May, we hope to finalize our budgets and pass the list to the acquisitions department for ordering. Subscriptions can begin at any time during the year, not just in January.

Academic Planning (Lori Phillips, Associate Dean, UW Libraries) Lori provided a handout that listed our central goals and library action items. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Lori. A major highlight for our action items is increased funding that brings us closer to our goal of being a research library. Library actions items are in no particular order. Our staffing priorities are developing skills for librarians and encouraging staff who are interested in pursuing graduate MLS degrees. Our digitization focus will be the impact of digital collections for the future. For facilities, the truth is the minute we open our doors in 2009 we will be at capacity for collections, due to the influx of funding increasing our collections that came after completion of planning for the new building. We will begin a special collections plan in the next year as well. Our new technology initiatives include a new Integrated Library System, and improved delivery of articles to your desktop. We are also introducing more integration of librarians into university instruction, including course for credit taught by librarians. There was a question about ARL and a discussion of the definition of a research library. There was a question about the likelihood of the libraries finding other space on campus, maybe in one of the new buildings going up. Given the amount of space we will need that is specifically designed for housing books – structurally heavy duty, climate controlled – and the costs of hiring staffing for another library

on campus, it seems unlikely. We are open to suggestions. Compact shelving will be going into the renovated Coe and will be an option in the basement of the new addition. The weight of compact shelving precludes its use elsewhere in the building. There was some discussion of a problem with Request It and questions about whether going to a storage unit will cause a slow down in the system.

Digital Repository (Steve Boss, Head of Library Systems) Steve gave a tour of some new additions to the catalog that show book jackets and snippets of content in the book, and a peek at Luna Insite at <http://digital.uwyo.edu/>. Our UW Digital Collections are separate from the Digital Repository project. The Alliance Digital Repository project includes CU, CSU, Denver Public, UW, U of North Colorado, Regis, and the Colorado School of Mines. Institutional repositories are becoming more common such as the Encyclopedia of Chicago. UW focuses on student scholarship, specifically Undergraduate Research Day, in building collections for our repository but future directions could include student design projects from engineering or faculty scholarship. UW also archives the office of the president convocation speeches, Board of Trustees records, and ECTL faculty profiles and philosophies. The digital repository is a useful tool for creating specialized collections to foster dissemination/sharing of scholarship. Access is perpetual and easier, and provides a preservation function that helps with transition plans. Creating a digital repository is an opportunity to publish a UW e-journal. Steve's next steps are to market the service to UW faculty in particular to get content to populate the repository. It will not initially be linked to Find IT Fast but at some point that functionality will be achieved. Next fall there will be more discussion about its use, especially for faculty.

ILLC Update (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean, UW Libraries) the ramp is gone from the pit and construction has begun on the north side of the building, and topping out the steel should occur at the beginning of June. Work on renovation of 4th and 5th is going well. The new stacks will be 7'8" tall and ADA compliant. Carpet should come in another week and tiling is on-going. FCI is hoping to do a punch-list walk through at the end of April. The air handling unit for systems will arrive at the beginning of May and occupation of that floor will happen after the air handling system is signed off on by the city inspector. Sandy talked about what the site will look like in August when folks get back. Some landscaping will be done on the south side of the library, in the alley by the Union. 13th street will also be closed for landscaping. Some details have not been finalized. The entire Union parking lot will be closed due to the remaining area getting used for the College of Business building project. All the steel for our building will be erected by June and the exterior of the south end will be completed. The 4th floor stack area and group study rooms will be done, and 5th floor will be occupied by Technical Services and Systems. The 1st floor south end will be a staging area for stacks and not a study area. A bid will be put out for a professional library moving company to do book shifting. Our webcam is still up and running. The webcam address is <http://digitalcollections.uwyo.edu/blogs/ILLC/netcam.htm> in case you are interested in watching the exterior construction process.

Selection of Chair (Tawnya Plumb, Chair, Library Council) Tawnya Plumb was the sole nomination put forward for Council Chair. She has accepted the position for one more year.

Other Topics:

Mary Henning gave out invitations for a reception at LCCC. David Kruger talked about NIH publishing. Please check <http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/services/nih/index.cfm> for more information.

Tawnya Plumb, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:35.