

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
February 2, 2009

Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Library Council Members: Michelle Jarman, Sandy Barstow, Mary Henning, David Kruger, Tawnya Plumb, Mary Ann Harlow, Sara Williams, Maggie Farrell, Anne Marie Lane, Quincy Newell, Lori Terrill, Lori Phillips, Brenda Alexander, Cheryl Goldenstein, Grant Lindstrom, Suzanne Bronson, Linda Keefauer (for Ed Janak), Doug Smith, Snehalata Huzurbazar

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

Legislative Update (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries) The chances for the libraries to receive extra collections funds this legislative session are not good but planning for the next biennium is beginning. The Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG) is predicting a continued downturn in revenues which will mean less funding for the libraries but we will wait and watch.

Collection Development Strategic Plan Update (Sara Williams, Head of Collection Development, UW Libraries, handout) Sara provided a handout to the Council listing some of the recent additions to our online resources. Some of these titles will not appear in our catalog until after the migration but all the titles are searchable in the database. If you find you are being bumped when you attempt to use the database, let Sara know. Until we have a good idea of how much use a database will get, we don't know how many concurrent users to put into our contract with the database. If there are other tools you or your colleagues are interested in, please let your subject bibliographers know. If you have questions, call Sara. If you have ideas or feedback on how we can best advertise our additions to the collections, we are always looking for ideas. We are looking for multi-faceted communication. Email from the subject bibliographers highlighting new resources in their areas would be very useful to the academic faculty. The ASUW electronic newsletter would be a way to reach the undergrads.

To a New Integrated Library System (ILS) (Lori Phillips, Associate Dean, UW Libraries) Lori gave a recap of the features of the new ILS and the process we went through to select it. The libraries began by looking at our current ILS and determining how well it meets our needs internally as well as for our patrons. Public expectations and internal expectations for the functionality of the system have changed. The task force assigned to review new systems made a recommendation to the Dean who then spent the better part of 2008 negotiating a contract with Innovative. The implementation of a new ILS is a huge undertaking. We are planning to have all this done by the beginning of the fall semester. You should not experience any disruption however there may be some slowness in the system or, in the case of Circulation, off line circulation of materials. Another data migration that may cause some slowdowns is the one that affects Prospector. That migration may take a week, however, there shouldn't be any noticeable downtime. You will see some improvements, especially in search-ability of the catalog and the amount of information available in the record. Another new feature is the "tag cloud" that pulls content

from the record as well as user generated information. The search page is a lot more graphical and visual, and incorporates access to Prospector in the search page. It does not, however, allow users to search journal articles and library collections simultaneously although we are excited by some new search engines on the market with that capability that are currently in beta tests. AHC and Law both use the same software that we currently use and will be migrating to the new system at the same time that we do. The design for the interface will be completed by mid to late June. It is a tight timeline but do-able. Stay tuned.

ILLC Update (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean, UW Libraries) The Coe addition/ILLC/east building are all names in use for the same place. We are dropping ILLC as a name for the new building because it originally referred to the project, not the building. We have begun calling the different parts of the building Coe West, Coe Central and Coe East, and have gone to calling the floors by levels, 1st through 6th equivalent to the basement through the top floor. There is no fourth floor in Coe East because of the difference in ceiling height between Coe Central and Coe East. On the 1st level of Coe East, the flooring is complete which means construction is almost completed on that level. Doors and hardware still remain to be installed. The main level will be the last to be completed because it is still the main entrance for the construction workers and furniture movers. On the 3rd level, in Special Collections, compact shelving is being installed. While there is no 4th level in Coe East, the elevator will stop at all floors, as it opens on both sides. March 31st is the current “done” date but completion is a moving target. Remodeling in the central part of the building on 3rd and 4th will be completed on Feb. 23rd. David Kruger handed out a table that stated the Carney McNicholas statistics for the last collection move. Sandy then spoke on access to collections during the collection move. Carney McNicholas is very good about helping patrons find resources in transit. David then handed around a map to the collection’s current locations for February 2009. Sandy described the final phase of construction in which the west entrance is closed and patrons are routed to the new entrance. The ILLC project is working with the College of Business project to create a new safe route through the construction. The new entrance will hopefully open after finals. The map to collections is updated with every major collection move, roughly every 2-2 ½ months. The libraries are constantly adjusting signage to help patrons navigate. Sandy will try to set up a tour for the next Library Council meeting on March 2. Keith Seebart, our liaison to facility planning, will lead the tour.

Other Topics: Lori gave a brief overview of the ClimateQUAL project and promised that in the next meeting, we will have update on the project which will begin on Feb. 23rd. It is basically a survey of library staff/faculty perceptions of organizational climate and is used as a management tool, similar to our LibQUAL survey from a few years back. We will share the results when we finish the project. Tawnya encouraged people to bring up any other topics that they like to have on the agenda. If you have topics you’d like to have discussed, please email them to Tawnya or Maggie.

Tawnya Plumb, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:15.