

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
November 23rd, 2009

Meeting Room, Coe 506

Present: Brenda Alexander, Anne Marie Lane, Maggie Farrell, Debbie McCarthy, Lori Phillips, Sandy Barstow, Mary Henning, Linda Keefauver, Lori Terrill, Grant Lindstrom, Maggie Murdock

Library Council Chair Anne Marie Lane called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

Behind the Scenes Tour (Lori Phillips, Associate Dean, UW Libraries) Lori took the council members on a behind the scenes tour of the working areas of the library.

Construction Update (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean, UW Libraries) Sandy gave the construction update. We are working on signage issues now. There continue to be problems with ventilation in 506 but hopefully it will be fixed next week. Construction is almost complete although troubleshooting will likely go on for another year or more. Sandy gave an update on locks in the building and on the arrival and deployment of new public furniture. We are still waiting on office furniture. ECTL was given permission to secure their own bid for office furniture, and we are hoping to be given permission to do the same. Our end panels are being done by a local craftsman as he got the winning bid. He is bringing them in as he gets them completed. We are already starting a list of potential remodeling projects.

Website Redesign (Lori Phillips, Associate Dean, UW Libraries) Lori handed out a printout of our existing web page and a mock up of our proposed one. The new web page is a great deal more action oriented and has more visual objects on it than text. Four librarians and our staff web designer have been working on this redesign for over a year. They've done a lot of usability studies. The soft roll-out will happen in December, with tweaking and hopefully full readiness in January for the start of the spring semester. Lori suggested that if there are things you routinely do from the old homepage and can't figure out how to from the new homepage, please let her know.

Other Topics: The tuition increase passed. This has a direct impact on Library's collections budgets. For our February meeting, we will be talking about a journal review, partly because we conduct one every two years to make sure our collections are in line with the university's academic focus. Maggie was unable to play the video made for the dedication but will e-mail the link.

Anne Marie Lane, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:50.