

ANNUAL REPORT FOR LIBRARY COUNCIL (2009-2010)

Submitted by Anne Marie Lane, Council Chair

Note: Birgit Fowler Burke, Staff Assistant in the Coe Libraries' Administrative Office, greatly assists the Council by taking the minutes. They are later posted (by date) onto the Coe Libraries' Administrative homepage. *Please refer to them for more specific details than this very brief annual report presents: http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/about/library_council/minutes.cfm.

Meeting dates and minutes:

The Council met during the fall semester of 2009 on Oct. 19 and Nov. 23; and during the spring semester of 2010 on Feb. 15, March 22, and April 12.

Purpose of the Library Council:

To advise and assist the libraries on issues and policies related to strategic planning, organization, operations, and resource allocation. It reports to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Council members for 2009-2010:

Agriculture (Animal Science) – Brenda Alexander
Arts and Sciences (Religious Studies) – Quincy Newell
Arts and Sciences (Statistics) – Snehalata Huzurbazar
Business (Management and Marketing) – Grant Lindstrom
Education (Educational Studies) – Linda Keefauver
Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) – Doug Smith
Health Sciences (Wyoming Institute for Disabilities) – Michelle Jarman
Law School (Law Library) – Tawnya Plumb
Libraries (Technical Services, Coe Library) – Lori Terrill
American Heritage Center (Toppan Rare Books Library) – Anne Marie Lane (Chair)
Non-University (LCCC, Albany County Campus Library) – Mary Henning

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSIONS

(in no particular order)

The Budget: Maggie Farrell, Dean of U.W. Libraries, kept the Council up-to-date throughout the school year regarding funding--and how well the Libraries managed to cope with the deep cuts of the 10% reduction (4.3 million dollars). With the FY11 budget, 2.3 million will be restored, and the approved tuition increase also will help the situation improve.

University Accreditation: Rollin Abernethy, Associate Provost and Chair of the Accreditation Team, stressed to the Council on Oct. 19 the importance of the University's Self-Study, and distributed a hand-out summary called "Enriching the UW Learning Experience." He asked for everyone to be aware of the

issues when the Higher Learning Commission arrives on campus in March; in particular, the section on how libraries support learning here.

Construction Updates and the Coe Library Addition: At all the meetings, Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean of the U.W. Libraries, kept the Council informed of an astonishing amount of details involved (from signage to furniture). On Nov.23, Lori Phillips, Associate Dean of the U.W. Libraries, led Council members on a behind-the-scenes tour of the newly moved departments and answered many questions.

Revised Website: On Nov.23, Lori Phillips explained all about the redesign (in process for over a year with multiple people working on it). With color handouts, she showed how it is more visually oriented than the previous one, which was more text-based. It was scheduled to be fully implemented in January of 2010.

Collection Development and Journal Review: Sara Williams, Head of Collection Development, had been giving regular reports and asking for Council input; but she left the University for another position. Sandy Barstow, previously Assistant Dean, took over as Head of Collection Development and started giving reports at the Feb. meeting. She has posted a list of journals on the libraries' homepage and asked for Council members to encourage comments from colleagues in their departments.

Dean's Review: Dee Pridgen, Associate Dean, Law College, and Head of the Dean's Review Committee, along with Review Committee member Quincy Newell, visited with the Council on March 22. They asked for input related to Dean Maggie Farrell's activities, specifically regarding her interaction with Council members and with their different departments about library matters.

Informative presentations to the Council by various library faculty:

-The New Library Catalog – by Jamie Kearley, Head of Reference and Instruction (Oct.19)

-The Learning Resource Center – by Tamara Meredith, LRC Head (Feb.15)

-Library Instruction and Assessment – by Melissa Bowles Terry, Assessment Coordinator (Ap.12)

-Digital Projects – by Dennis Moser, Digital Resources Librarian (Ap.12)

-E-Textbooks – by Chad Hutchens, E-Resources Librarian (Ap.12)

Special library events in which Council members were invited to participate:

-Dedication of the James Surls Sculpture Installation (in the dome) – Oct.24

-The Grand Opening Ceremony of the New Library Addition –Nov.19

-The University Libraries 2010 Author Luncheon: Jeffrey Alford – Ap.16

Selection of Council Chair for 2010-2011: Professor Brenda Alexander, of Animal Science, graciously volunteered to be the next Council Chair.