

Library Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2010
Coe Library Meeting Room 506

Attending: Anne Marie Lane, Mary Henning, Brenda Alexander, Lori Terrill, Robert Aylward, Sandy Barstow, David Kruger, Debbie McCarthy, Tamara Meredith, Jamie Kearley, Megan Fletcher, Lori Phillips.

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II. Announcements: Lori Phillips

III. New Head of Collection Development: Sara Williams has resigned effective February 15, 2010. Sandy Barstow has been named Head of Collection Development. Sandy has served as Assistant Dean for the past nine years. Her focus has been on planning for the building addition and working with Facilities Planning as the Libraries Liaison on the construction project. She brings significant budget and finance skills to the position.

IV. FY11 Budget Update: The Libraries' Collection Budget was reduced by 4.3M in 2009, as part of a 10% reduction in UW's budget. 2.3 M of that funding will be restored to the Libraries for FY11. The Libraries will also receive ~ 0.9M from tuition increases, although for FY 11, the funds will actually come from ARRA. This 3.2 M will carry forward to FY12, with another 0.9M from tuition increases, for a 4.1M increase in 2012 over 2010. This puts the Libraries back on track to build research collections for the University of Wyoming.

Other Budget Matters: the University has called for one-time requests from stimulus funds. The Libraries have requested computers for e-Classroom, self-service checkout machines, a large format map scanner, and other equipment and furnishings. The staff hiring freeze continues to impact us. We currently have 2 vacant positions, which we will request back from the University. If operations funding is restored to the Libraries, we will use it for items that directly impact students, such as expanded hours.

V. Dean's Review: Dean Farrell is undergoing her 5th Year Review. The committee charge and a list of committee members were circulated to Council members. The review committee wants to meet with Library Council at the next meeting (March 22) to seek input about Dean Farrell's performance.

VI. Spring 2010 Author's Luncheon: Laramie native and cookbook author Jeffrey Alford will be the featured speaker at the April 16th Author's luncheon. Save the date cards were distributed.

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VIII. LRC update: Tamara Meredith.

IX. Tamara came to UW in August 2009 from a position as Library Director at the Eaton Colorado Public Library. The LRC serves the College of Education and the Lab School, a K-8 public school which is part of the ACSD. LRC collections include deep historic children's collections, applied curriculum materials, and the NASA Educator Resource materials. Tamara outlined her goals for the Center which are to concentrate on the 3 R's: role definition (who is served and how); rejuvenation (updating; changing expectations) and relevance (the leadership role). She is working with the school to define responsibilities and develop a space plan that will transform the LRC into a cutting edge laboratory school facility and the leader for school libraries in the state of Wyoming.

X. Journal Review: Sandy Barstow

The Libraries will conduct a journal review process this spring to assure that current journal subscriptions are relevant to teaching and research at UW. Faculty input will be solicited. Council members discussed online availability and the fact that just because certain issues of a journal are available online does not mean that the Libraries have purchased them online. Acquiring retrospective online journals is a question of resource priorities. Any decisions made in the 2010 journal review will not take effect until 2011.

XI. Furniture Update: David Kruger

XII. The public furniture for the building is substantially complete; except for the Alma Doke McMurry Reading Room and the Book & Bean. The donor is working with a designer for furnishing for the Reading Room. New staff furniture should be in place by April 15.

Current furnishings are being moved to the former Albertsons building for a property sale.

XIII. Other topics

XIV. Anne Marie Lane announced there are two more Library Council meetings: March 22 and April 12. A new committee chair should be designated at the next meeting so the name can go forward to Faculty Senate. Those interested in serving as Chair should contact Anne Marie.

Minutes submitted by Megan Fletcher