Minutes of the Library Council Meeting  
March 22, 2010

Meeting Room, Coe 506

Present: Anne Marie Lane, Maggie Farrell, Tawnya Plumb, Quincy Newell, Brenda Alexander, Grant Lindstrom, Snehalata Huzurbazar, Sandy Barstow, Lori Terrill, Lori Phillips, Tamsen Hert, Debbie McCarthy, Tamara Meredith, Cheryl Goldenstein. Mary Henning, Dee Pridgeon at 4

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Review Committee Introduction (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries) Maggie briefly introduced the Dean’s Review Committee that would be the 4:00 agenda item.

Collection Budget Review (Sandy Barstow, Head of Collection Development, UW Libraries) Sandy Barstow has been moved from Admin and is now the head of Collection Development. $2.3 million of the $4.3 million reduction will be replaced for the next fiscal year. Another $1 million will come from the tuition increase as well. This will not actually be paid for by student fees but by stimulus funds. In the fall of 2011, stimulus funds will no longer pay this and the source of the funding will be an increase in student fees that year. One of Sandy’s tasks will be tracking both state and stimulus funds, as they have different reporting structures. Depending on how the economy in Wyoming fares, we should be back on track for GWLA within a year or so.

Journal Review (Sandy Barstow, Head of Collection Development, UW Libraries) There will be a link to the journal review from the libraries’ homepage. We have a list of journals that were requested before the cut that were not ordered due to the cut. We are looking at a simpler, hopefully click on the comment box to send an email to Collection Development web page process. The subject bibliographers will then meet to determine the final list. We are also looking at getting feedback on little used databases and journals to determine what can be cut. Currently our periodical usage statistics are missing (due to the constant moving of the periodical collection.) The comment period will start March 29th and end on April 9th. After that we should have a good idea of a direction and a final list by the end of April, beginning May with the intention of getting the new orders started FY2010. There will be a link on the UW page to the Libraries’ homepage to get faculty and student impact. Sandy also explained the process of shutting down our approval plan due to the budget cuts. YBP has been tracking our approval plan for us and has a list of the books we would have gotten if we’d had the money at the time, so that now that we have the money, we are getting that backlog ordered. She also explained the “wish list” of one-time electronic journals that totals $800,000 for one time purchases. Some one time purchases have on-going fees attached so we are tracking that as well. The popular reading collection was cut. The Libraries’ Development Board is looking at establishing an endowment to fund this collection. $300,000 is the amount needed to provide income for this collection but one of the board members has promised to meet up to $10,000 for any funds given by a UW staff or faculty person specifically towards the popular reading program.
Selection of New Chair (Anne Marie Lane, current Library Council chair) Anne Marie described the duties of the chair, the process of pulling together the agenda and the dates. There are 3 Mondays a month that the Faculty Senate exec committee meets but you only have to go if the library is on the agenda. The exec meetings are very informative and are an opportunity to meet other faculty and administrators. It is also a free lunch. You can go whether or not the libraries are on the agenda. Brenda Alexander volunteered to be next year’s chair. Anne Marie described the last duty of the chair which is to pull together the final report for the year for the faculty senate. The minutes for library council are typed and posted by libraries’ administration so the year’s notes are available and the final report is fairly easy to pull together.

Other Topics: Maggie gave a preview for the final meeting. There will be an update on digital projects, assessment, a journal review update and possibly a report from the libraries’ member on the electronic textbook taskforce.

The Dean then left the room and the Dean’s Review Committee met with Library Council Members.

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