

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting

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Present: Brenda Alexander, Fred Schmechel, Steve Aagard, Anne Marie Lane, Birgit Burke, Maggie Farrell, Sandy Barstow, Lori Phillips, Harry Whitlock, Tawnya Plumb, Quincy Newell, Robert Aylward, David Kruger, Lori Terrill, Janis Leath, Tamsen Hert, Jeff Lockwood, Debbie McCarthy, Larry Schmidt, Margareta Stefanovic, Chad Hutchens, Tamara Meredith, Tim Kearley, Steve Easton

Library Council Chair Brenda Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Brenda welcomed the council, and introduced herself. Attendees then introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

Learning Resource Center Overview (Tamara Meredith, Head of LRC) Tamara gave an overview of the LRC. All the books circulate and she teaches classes on everything you'd get in a regular school classroom. The LRC also houses a collection of curriculum materials. Tamara does story-time for grades K-3. The LRC also has an e-classroom with 18 computers and a smart board which Tamara uses to teach tech classes for the students as well as providing tech time for the younger students. The LRC houses the NASA collection that teachers across the state can loan out. There is one full-time faculty and one full-time staff position in the library, with the remaining duties filled by work-study students. In addition to books, curriculum materials and the e-classroom, the LRC also checks out laptops. Their busy hours are 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.; after 3 it's clean-up time. Lots of recycling of older furniture from Coe Library's renovation has created a new look for the LRC, a much nicer and updated look. Maggie explained the financial structure of the LRC. Technically we provide services for the Albany County School District and the University oversees the new contract. Tamara is leaving for a position with the public library at the end of the month. She has done a fabulous job of updating the LRC look, as well as building a strong program with strong connections to other school libraries.

Legislative Funding Update (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries) Maggie provided and explained a handout on UW Libraries' Collection funding and a table with GWLA and ARL data. She pointed out volume counts and how underfunding over the years has caused our volume count to be low compared to other institutions. Other statistics of note: Total library staff are significantly leaner in terms of numbers of faculty and staff. We are asking for \$3.6 million. Governor Mead has recommended a \$1.8 million increase and encouraged us to come back next year. The JAC met with President Buchanan last week. We are working closely with Don Richards, the Director of Governmental and Community Affairs for the University of Wyoming. He has not asked for a response from the Library Council at this time so we are moving forward as directed at this time. If we get the \$1.8 million, Maggie would ask for \$1 million for collections and \$800,000 for faculty and staff positions. This would fund our CPM related requests but if there are funded out of the legislative grant to the libraries and not out of CPM funds, the libraries wouldn't be in competition with the rest of UW for positions, which benefits us and all of UW.

E-Reader Pilot Project (Chad Hutchens, Electronic Resources Librarian) Chad provided a handout on the E-book reader pilot project with background for the project, an explanation about the collected

comments, and described next steps. Last spring there was a feasibility study done by students that indicated high interest in e-readers. There is also a lot of interest in them from the bookstore. ASUW should have a voice in any decisions made about e-readers as well. Current problems with e-readers are tech related. Content doesn't come in a one size fits all format, many are proprietary and the playing field is full of contenders right now. Several devices have already gone out of production. We need to work closely with the students because they will use them in ways the faculty were not expecting. There was some discussion of the longevity of I-Pads, the accessories needed (chargers, etc.) and how to fund the suite of equipment needed to host e-readers. Most institutions have gone to some basic level of support for laptops and that may be the model for e-readers, as the market begins to shake out.

Mobile Applications (Chad Hutchens, Electronic Resources Librarian) Over the last 12 months Chad's been working on mobile access to library content and services. We know that this is the future of access. Different vendors provide different access and different applications. Outreach has just launched a mobile application. Inventorying systems and platforms will be our 1st task, then seeing what applications work. If anyone is specifically interested, Oregon State University has a library site pared down for a mobile device. Summon is another platform and can be accessed on the Libraries home page as the Quick Search button.

Update on college visits (Sandy Barstow, Head of Collection Development) Last meeting, Sandy reported on the Libraries' meetings with various colleges to discuss working with the library, library liaisons, and working with subject bibliographers to meet the needs of colleges. Sandy gave the Library Council an update on her progress and plans for the second phase of the project. She has met with all the executive committees for all the colleges and is now setting up meetings with subject bibliographers and the individual departments across campus.

New Resources (Sandy Barstow, Head of Collection Development) Sandy provided a list of recently acquired electronic resources. Sandy met with ProQuest and we now have access to a wide variety of new data. Go to Quick Search, type in the name of the resources and follow the instructions. Last fall we purchased ProQuest Central to replace access to some access we were losing and bought state wide access a nominal fee. We've now purchased ProQuest Comprehensive and are working to get access for the state of Wyoming for almost the full database. We are also working on the alumni portal which is password protected. We are attempting to craft an agreement with ProQuest to extend access to alumni as we have to the state libraries. Nancy Marlatt, our Marketing Coordinator, is working methods for publicizing these new acquisitions. Subject searching will bring up our new acquisitions in Quick Search

Journal Review Process (Sandy Barstow, Head of Collection Development) Sandy handed out a time-line for the journal review project during our last meeting. She announced that we are on track. We have the 9600+ journals list and it will be made available for review next week. The goal is to find out which journals we need in the aggregate and which not, which journals get the most use, and which can be cancelled for non-use. By the end of March, the public comment period will be completed and then we can work on figuring out what funds we have to use to acquire journals.

Academic Plan/Strategic Planning (Lori Phillips, Associate Dean of Libraries) Lori provided a handout for the Academic Plan. This is the strategic planning document that Lori gave out to the group facilitators

in the preliminary facilitation meeting. We have completed the first two steps in our process: our first event a information sharing with Myron Allen and Pat Burns speaking about the future of higher education and libraries, and Jamie Kearley speaking about our accomplishments to date. Our second event was a facilitators training for the faculty and staff team leaders facilitating our groups and introduction of our draft scenario document, which was earlier today. Our 3rd step will be the team working through the document and process. We would like to do a strategic planning exercise with the Library Council at an upcoming meeting. We will provide the scenario and a set of questions prior to the meeting and collect feedback to use in our planning process. There will be some external input into the process but the group brainstorming will be internal. The scenario requires that you suspend all disbelief and just deal with the scenario. Lori will send the draft the week before Library Council will go through the exercise.

Law Library Allocation (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries and Steve Easton, Dean, College of Law)

Maggie introduced Steve Easton, Dean of the Law School and Tim Kearley, Head of the Law Library. Today's meeting with Law is to go over background information for the allocation to the Law Library. In February, the Library Council will make a recommendation on the allocation. UW Libraries pay for the catalog and ILS for AHC and Law. AHC and Law don't answer to the Libraries' Dean but to the Provost and Law Dean respectively. Maggie explained the difference between the year's collection budgets over the years and the scenario for the next year. Maggie said it's important to revisit allocation formulas to see if they are valid. One of the question before the Library Council is, what should be the deciding formula? What are our goals? GWLA membership is one goal. What comparators are we using? Steve Easton spoke about the sources for the data he is presenting, and why the percentage of the collection development budget is so high, compared to other similar institutions. Steve noted that, for Law, libraries are the labs. Legal publication has gone from 8-10 publishers to 3 that control the traditional paper resources as well as electronic access, and noted that their focus is law offices with the price point set at that level. This is frustrating for law libraries. The percentage of UW students who are in law is 1.6% of the total student population but the amount of tuition they pay is 5.67% of the total. With funds restored the law library collection budget should be back to 2009 status. The law school accreditation process generally includes a law librarian. Volume count has always been important in the accreditation process in the past but in the future acquisition funding will be more important. The 2006-2007 accreditation process noted that deficiencies in the acquisition budget were looking better, but the cuts of the last few years had reversed that trend. The absolute, core, have-to-have items that the law library needs can be bought with their current funding. Expanding their collection to include SER, international human rights and other new program areas on campus and meet UW objectives will take significantly more funding. While that funding is needed for the law school's accreditation, that funding does not count toward UW Libraries' collection budget for GWLA status purposes because the law library answers to the Dean of the Law School, not to the Dean of Libraries. Steve presented some possible scenarios for managing this problem. Brenda asked Maggie to clarify what is on the table. Maggie said we asked for \$3.6 million, \$2 million for collections and \$1.8 for faculty and staff. Whatever we get will be divided by that formula. This will help us hit our GWLA target. Two questions, however. Do we want to go for ARL status? Secondly, how do we sustain the goals we've achieved? We have been fortunate to get money for collections and a new building and UW has other funding priorities. We can't always expect to be at the table asking for funding. Steve talked about the target numbers originally for law and how that has changed. \$1 million is a great target number but that can be a moving target, depending on circumstances and who needs the money. The bottom line is what percentage of \$2 million should go to law? There was a discussion of

numbers, strategy, and who all uses the law library besides law faculty and students? Public policy and law students, lawyers and judges across the state, legal research instruction for non-law classes also use the law library. One of the issues is how quickly purchasing power diminishes. There was a question of other avenues for funding collections, such as alumni gifts, and educating legislators. We can't uncouple the law library from UW libraries. Maggie and Steve talked about a target number. Maggie thought 5%, Steve thought 10% and library council will get to make a recommendation in February.

Other Topics: No other topics were suggested.

Brenda Alexander, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:25