

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
February 13th, 2012

LRC, ED 222

Present: Deb Person, Cheryl Goldenstein, Mike Nelson, Ed Janak, Margareta Stefanovic, Brenda Alexander, Fred Schmechel, Kaijsa Calkins, Maggie Farrell, Ruth Hitchcock, Melissa Bowles-Terry, Tamsen Hert, Debbie McCarthy, Anne Marie Lane, Mary Henning, Kelly Visnak, Birgit Burke, Lori Phillips, Michelle Jarman, Sandy Barstow, Mary Ann Harlow

Library Council Chair Ed Janak called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Ed welcomed the council, and introduced himself. Attendees then introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

Research and Instruction Overview (Cheryl Goldenstein, acting head of R&I) Cheryl talked about the name change from Reference to Research and Instruction. Librarians in the Research and Instruction department assist on-campus and distance students and faculty with their research and teaching needs, teach information competencies to support academic success and lifelong learning, and keep current with information resources, library policies and services, pedagogy, technology, UW curriculum, faculty research, and trends in scholarly communication to improve services. Cheryl gave a presentation with interesting statistics on increasing numbers of/use of text messages and IM in reference interactions, increased research consultations and other research and instruction activities.

Legislative Request Update (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries) Today is the first day of the legislative session. Maggie gave an update on the request. At this time it looks like the Joint Appropriations Committee will approve additional collection funds but the point in time when the increase takes effect may be delayed. There are many pressing budget issues so we will wait until the end of the session to understand the UW budget.

Budget Reduction Principles (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries) Maggie asked the Library Council to discuss what budget reduction principles we would apply if we have to undergo another cut to our collection budget. She provided a handout with some figures to show what a 2%, 5% or 8% reduction would look like in real money. After a lengthy discussion the principles the council agreed on to guide cuts to the budget are these: 1) Cease or reduce the popular reading collection; 2) reduce popular media except for materials with a demonstrated instructional use and watch for on-going gaps in series; 3) maintain on-line journals to avoid to gaps and internal workload impact; 4) reduce purchases of print materials with an eye to departments that rely on print; 5) communication in a timely manner is essential; 6) push ILL/Prospector. Increased costs for ILL/Prospector require library involvement and those costs are hard to parse out of the general costs.

Scholarly Communication (Kelly Visnak, Scholarly Communications Librarian) Kelly explained her role and her goals. The Digital Repository with the Colorado Alliance will continue, and UW Libraries are adding BePress with the goal of having it up and running by the end of 2012. Kelly

is also continuing scholarship in digital issues and copyright issues. There was a question about how the digital commons will work. A process currently exists; however, some details will change. Rights management issues are a little tricky in some areas, but as the vision becomes more clear, details will be disseminated, including any NSF or NIH requirements. There was a question about the collection and archiving of original physical data points (lab books, logs, etc.) as a part of the NSF and NIH requirements. Those items would have to be housed somewhere. The libraries are not equipped for that duty however they could create meta data for any collections of data points.

Search Interfaces (Mike Nelson, Reference Librarian) Mike gave some history on searching bibliographic literature for information prior to the invention of the internet. Meta data is basically information about information and allows librarians to do very granular research while getting a broad overview as well. Being able to use various interfaces to search productively is based on learning good basic search skills. There are four things to know about searching the UW databases: 1) we have less diversity of vendors, which means fewer search engines to learn; 2) most vendors offer several levels of search capability; 3) the simple search is set up like Google and gives a wide response range; 4) many studies show that native systems work well to help users find information. R&I teach higher level searching skills and techniques to help people refine their ability to search. Some databases are more difficult to search than others due to the way their interfaces are set up. You can customize Google Scholar to create endnotes and other scholarly helps. Google isn't a bad search engine, because it will always get you something. The problem is that you don't know what you don't get. Knowing how to use an integrated search engine gives you better results. Web Scale Discovery is the next new big thing for library technology and promises to deliver a productive and non-frustrating search experience. Some problems with searching are due to the failure of databases to allow federated search engines to search multiple databases with different proprietary systems simultaneously. UW Libraries works on managing metadata behind the scenes to make it easier to search.

Reference Technology (Cheryl Goldenstein, acting head of R&I) We use social networking in our work as an awareness tool. We have a Twitter feed, a flickr page, the Dusty Shelves blog, and wikis that we use to share information within the department. We also use Google forms, teach Zotero for citation management, we have concept mapping tools, Jing which is easy to use to take screenshots of work and is useful when explaining a process on a computer via e-mail. We also use widgets for QuickIM questions, search widgets and so on. Librarians are available to help faculty with integrating any tools they are interested in trying.

Handouts:

- Collection Budget FY12
- Collection Budget 2%, 5%, 8% figures
- Scholarly Communication Program
- Research and Instruction Services

Other Topics: No other topics were suggested.

Ed Janak, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:50

Next Meeting

March 19 Chisum Special Collections, Coe Library, Room 309, 3:15-5:00