

# Minutes of the Library Council Meeting

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003

Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Mark Sunderman, Allison Beauneir, Maggie Farrell, Lori Phillips, Steve Boss, DC Thompson, Leslie Rush, Larry Schmidt, Jennifer Mayer, Diana Shelton, Jim Lovvorn, Derek Montague, Bill Van Arsdale, Dennis Guion, Shane Broughton, Sarah Strauss, Mary Hart.

Council Chair Mark Sunderman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### Library Update (Maggie):

- Associate Dean position, and other open positions in the libraries
  - ⊙ The Associate Dean responsibilities have been redefined. Lori Phillips has been hired to fill the Associate Dean position. Lori will focus on library operations and day-to-day management.
  - ⊙ Jennifer Mayer is now the interim head of Science Reference. We are currently in the process of filling two faculty positions in the Science Reference area.
  
- Projects –EReserves, Prospector, GoldRush, Ferret merger, virtual reference
  - ⊙ Prospector, a project within the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries that allows users to view and request books from other libraries in the Alliance, is not currently in sync with UW's Voyager software.
  - ⊙ GoldRush, another software project in development by the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, allows users to view and access articles for delivery.
  - ⊙ Steve Boss, Carol White, and Mark Shelstad are working together on merging American Heritage Center (AHC) records with Ferret.
  - ⊙ Virtual Reference is a software program that will facilitate reference services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Libraries are currently looking at a \$12,000 Virtual Reference/E-Reserves package.
  
- Wy-GISC Training
  - ⊙ Wy-GISC is meeting with the Libraries on meta-data and content issues. There will be a training session on GIS next week to UW Libraries by Wy-GISC.
  
- Grants – NLM, IMLS, Heywood Proposal
  - ⊙ The National Library of Medicine (NLM) grant funds 60-65% of a position that will be re-filled this spring. It also funds travel for rural health care initiatives.
  - ⊙ The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funds the Western Trails Project. Four western states (Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and

Wyoming) are involved in digitization of materials on the Western Trails. The project digitizes images such as diaries, theses, maps, etc. for a database that can be searched.

- ⊙ UW Libraries, with the AHC, Law Library and Art Museum is pursuing a Heywood grant for money to fund software to do broadcast searching and management of multiple databases.
- Development Activities
  - ⊙ Maggie attended the Arizona meeting of the UW Foundation Board of Directors and gave a fifteen minutes presentation on the Library. Maggie has met with several donors who have expressed interest in making large gifts. Currently, Maggie is working with the Libraries' development officer on creating a development board. When the Libraries have a board, they will begin work on a potential fundraiser. The Foundation also has a fund raising activity in mind for the Libraries. The book plate project will be gearing up again this spring.
- Summary Statistics for FY2002
  - ⊙ The Summary Statistics for FY 2002 will be available at the next meeting. Usage of the Libraries is down except for the Science Library. The web statistics are up. A declining door count is typical for libraries nationally

#### Electronic Reserves (Dennis Guion and Steve Boss)

- Please link to [Dean's Council rev 2 here](#)

#### Moving Forward Response by Library Council (Robert Corcoran)

- As Robert Corcoran is not on the council, having completed his term, he will not be writing this response. If the Library Council wishes to make comments on the document, they should do so immediately. The Library Council representatives are expected to bring the libraries needs to strategic planning in their areas.

#### SciFinder Scholar (Lori Phillips)

- Robert O. Kelley, Dean of Health Sciences and Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries, put together a proposal using a grant from the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) to fund purchase of SciFinder Scholar. You do have to install proprietary software in order to view SciFinder, but the Library Systems department is available to help patrons with this task. The software does allow graphic searching and manipulation. Library personnel will be going door to door to introduce this product to all departments who may be interested. For more information, please click on this link: <http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/News.htm>

#### Serials Review (Bill Van Arsdale)

- For information on this, please link to <http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/serials/> for the Libraries' Serial Review Process and to view the timetable for the process.

### CO Alliance Initiative on Institutional Repositories (Maggie Farrell)

- Institutions develop their own “silos of information” that are not, typically, available widely. Libraries will be taking a more proactive role in managing and publicizing research, databases, theses generated by UW, and so on.

### **COMMENTS**

Sarah Strauss: Regarding the de-accessioning process and accessing these materials: how does this happen? Is it just random or what? Maggie Farrell: We haven't had a book sale in years and there hasn't been a transfer to departments this year. The materials that are transferred may be gifts that we are not adding to our collection, materials that are withdrawn because we've been given a new or better copy, or materials that are out of date or in bad shape. More materials are coming in than going out.

Sarah Strauss: Are we closer to having centralized budgets versus department allocations straightened out? Maggie Farrell: There will be a meeting with Collection Development to look at some straw horses, examine different scenarios with their pros and cons. The Moving Forward II document indicates that the Libraries will need to look at the budgetary processes and consider new options for dealing with them. We are currently looking at other research libraries to see how they are handling this issue.

### **SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 in Coe 115.

Council Chair Mark Sunderman adjourned the meeting at 5:10

*Handouts for the meeting included these articles:*

Jeffrey Young, “Boycott Over Lack of Online Access to Journals is a Bust”

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 31, 2002, Vol 48, Issue 38, A38.

Andrea Foster, “Scientists Plan 2 Online Journals to Make Articles Available “Freely and Universally”” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 10, 2003 Vol 49, Issue 18, A29

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