

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
April 9, 2007
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Edward Janak, Emily Spicer, Bob Staley, Sara Williams, Jamie Kearley, Sandy Barstow, David Kruger, Carolyn Anderson, Maggie Farrell, Doug Smith, Tawnya Plumb, Debbie McCarthy, Lori Phillips, Robert Perrote, Kenton Jaehnig, Kathy Marquiss

Library Chair Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m., welcomed everyone and noted that this is the last meeting for this year. Participants introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

GWLA Purchases (Sara Williams, Head Collection Development)

- Sara Williams reported that at the end of the 3rd quarter, we had encumbered one half of the GWLA funds. This is largely analog media, \$235,000 for books outside of the regular subject areas, including extensive purchases in the Greek and Latin series, funds to support the Fine Arts MFA program, and microforms for History in several collection areas. \$30,000 has gone to support film and media so far and the digitization of theses and dissertations, as well as providing the McNaughton popular reading collection. Electronic backfiles that have been purchased include almost all the JSTOR backfiles and the Elsevier backfiles of their energy collection for the SENR. If you have recommendations for purchases, please contact your subject bibliographer or Sara. New languages that are coming in that will need to have collections built include Arabic and Asian languages, and a proposed major/minor in religion. The Libraries has a wish list of items that we would like to buy when we have the funds. It was used originally to track large data base searches but is now also used to track collections for program areas. .

ILLC Time-line (Sandy Barstow, Assistant Dean UW Libraries)

- No timeline has been given to the libraries yet. We are still waiting on a date for completion of the Anthropology and Archeology Research Facility (AARF) and are hoping that the old Anthropology building will be empty by September. In the meantime, the projects that are slated to begin this summer (such as the alley plumbing and landscaping) will be initiated in June. Chilled water lines replacement along sorority row, a situation that affects us in the long term, will be undertaken this summer. Sandy gave a long and interesting description of the concrete cladding on the 1978 addition to Coe and the cost to replace it.

Library Annex and Services (David Kruger, Head of Annex)

- The Annex staff are currently moving the A periodicals and preparing to move the Z periodicals once Technical Services has them ready in the catalog. Requests dropped in March but are rising in April already. The facility will re-open August 27th. Call slip and scanning services are still being used heavily. Some salvaging of unused shelving is being attempted with a potential donation to the tribal college. Excess furniture will be surplus through the property office.

Lost Volumes (Sara Williams, Head Collection Development)

- The old lost volumes process lapsed after the last head of Collection Development left his post. A backlog has developed and a new process needs to be created and implemented. The first step will be to go through the backlog of titles to determine what titles we can or want to replace. Most of the titles we are missing we can get through Prospector.

Serials Review Timing (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- The serials review process has always been tied to cutting journals. Truthfully, serials do need to be reviewed on a regular basis to determine if the programs still need them, if the journals are still relevant, and so on. We need to let our vendors know in the summer what we need in January. In the spring of 2008 we will do a serials review. Coincidentally, we are also asking for library funding in 2008. The crisis in serials funding has settled down. The percentage inflation has settled down to and stayed to 8-10% annual inflation. We still have a few journals going into the red but this can generally be covered by taking funding out of the book budget, or by going to an electronic subscription rather than a print subscription. Sara's impression is that there isn't a lot of fat left in the journals, but that we are at the core right now.

Development Update (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- The Development Officer position is vacant but telephone interviews will begin next week. The target is to hire in late April or early May.

Legislative Preparation for 2008 (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- David Kruger will be the special projects librarian. He will be preparing the GWLA legislative reports. He will also work on the ILLC project management regarding keeping services going during our transition and construction.

Spring Author Luncheon (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- Greg Moody will be the guest speaker for this spring's author luncheon on April 19th. If you are interested in attending, speak with Birgit. Greg Moody is an award winning author and CBS 4 Critic at Large and has won twelve regional Emmy awards for commentary and writing in subjects ranging from movies to TV, newspapers to books, Hollywood history to journalistic ethics. He is the best-selling author of five mysteries, "Two Wheels," "Perfect Circles," "Derailleur," "Deadroll," and "Dead Air," all published by VeloPress in the United States and Germany.

50th Anniversary Dinner (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- This project is on hold until more planning is done. It may move from the fall of 2007 to the spring of 2008. The planning group is currently working on getting a speaker for the event.

Outstanding Service Award/Milstead Outstanding Librarian (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- Invitations will be forthcoming for this event to be held on May 10th from 3-5 on the first floor of the library.

Final Freak Out (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- This year's finals freak out will be held on April 23rd. The libraries will provide cupcakes, coffee and tea for students studying for finals.

New York Times Speaker (Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries)

- The group working with the New York Times program is working on bringing Linda Greenhouse to campus in the fall to speak.

Select Chair for FY08

- Doug Smith asked for nominations. As there were none, he appointed Tawnya Plumb to be chair of Library Council for 2007-2008.

Doug Smith, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:15.