

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
June 7th, 2017
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Suzzallo 5th Floor Conference Room East

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of the minutes from May 10th, 2016
 3. Libraries Master Facilities Plan (Cynthia Fugate)
 4. Open Access Policy Status (Gordon Aamot)
 5. Scholarly Communication and Publishing: Building Capacity (Gordon Aamot)
 6. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

2) Review of the minutes from May 10th, 2017

The minutes from May 10th, 2017 were approved as written.

3) Libraries Master Facilities Plan (Cynthia Fugate)

Cynthia Fugate (Senior Associate Dean of Libraries) updated the council on the development of the UW Libraries Facilities Masterplan, which began in February 2016. She explained various planners and consultants were hired by the university to complete development of the Plan, and an associated report was published in December 2016. Resulting actions are currently being planned.

Offsite shelving

Fugate explained identifying funding for an offsite library shelving facility is necessary and ongoing, and a related business case is currently being developed. Location of a suitable site is tedious, as the facility requires sophisticated climate-control in order to preserve the collections. It was noted given capacity constraints, 3 million volumes need to be moved offsite, which may amount to an estimated 15 million dollar (approximated) cost to carry out. Currently, the main UW Seattle campus library is over 80% utilized, while the other campus libraries are approaching 85-90% utilization. This level of space-utilization interferes with regular functioning of the libraries in a variety of ways, including ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issues, and floor weight issues associated with stacking more books in existing space. Fugate explained structural reasons determine useable space, as well.

Study space needs

Fugate noted currently, the UW is about 25,000 seats short of reasonable study space accommodation for students, while more seats will be lost if the libraries' volumes grow without additional offsite

storage (including the Health Sciences Library). This evaluation did not include UW Tacoma or Bothell, nor the UW Law School.

Fugate noted she would update the council again in the fall.

4) Open Access Policy Status (Gordon Aamot)

Gordon Aamot (Director, Scholarly Communication and Publishing) explained the FCR Class B legislation on an Open Access Policy was not voted on in the May Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate leadership felt there were too many outstanding issues at the time to vote decisively.

A main issue is the question of how to implement the non-exclusive license component procedurally through a legally sufficient method, while another question surrounds how the Policy can be made to cover new faculty as well as existing faculty (i.e. how can conditions of employment be altered for existing faculty). He noted the Advisory Committee for Intellectual Policy, Property, and Practice (ACIP3) has been charged to evaluate the Open Access Policy specifically through the lens of these questions. Aamot gave some additional information on the charge of ACIP3 and their current agenda.

Aamot explained another hurdle is simply making the case to faculty that there are good reasons to want to bolster Open Access at the UW. Public Informational meetings on the topic of open access saw low to decent turnouts. He explained the UW Libraries are supportive, but faculty must ultimately decide to implement a new policy.

5) Scholarly Communication and Publishing: Building Capacity (Gordon Aamot)

Aamot explained a reorganization in University Libraries has occurred with the intention of increasing capacity for scholarly communication initiatives and scholarly policy. Two new scholarly publishing librarians have been hired into the Libraries as part of the change (the first new hires in the Libraries specifically for this purpose). One of the new employees is legally trained in the space, which will be useful across a broad range of issues. Another new staff hire is intended to support staff and other university members involved in work on digital projects. Another element to the reorganization is enlarging the Scholarly Communication and Publishing Department. Aamot explained the change provides additional energy and focus to the topic of open access and others.

There was some additional discussion of the interviewing and hiring process for the new positions.

6) Adjourn

Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes by Joey Burgess, jmbg@uw.edu, council support analyst

Present: **Faculty:** Trent Hill (chair), Randall Leveque, Kristin Gustafson
Ex-officio reps: Suzanne Redalje, Ellen Barker, Alanna McAuley, Kate O’Neill
Guests: Cynthia Fugate, Tom Helleburg, Gordon Aamot

Absent:

Faculty: Jevin West, Laurianne Mullinax, Richard Furman, Lauro Flores, Betty Bekemeier

Ex-officio reps: Anshumaan Mohan

President's designee: Betsy Wilson