

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
May 10th, 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 February 8th, 2016
 3. Denise Pan, Associate Dean, Collections and Content—Print Repository Strategy
 4. John Danneker, Director, Odegaard Undergraduate Library—Open Textbook/Open Educational Resources
 5. Discussion of the state of the Open Access Policy
 6. Good of the order
 7. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

Hill called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2) Review of the minutes from February 8th, 2017

The minutes from February 8th, 2017 were approved as written.

3) Denise Pan, Associate Dean, Collections and Content—Print Repository Strategy

Denise Pan (Associate Dean, Collections and Content) was present to update the council on the UW Libraries' evolving print repository strategy. She used a PowerPoint as part of her presentation (Exhibit 1).

She explained the UW Libraries currently benefits from a community that helps steward its physical materials/collections, as the current age calls increasingly for digital repositories. The UW is a member-institution of several organizations that manage shared print and digital repositories, including the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST), and HathiTrust.

The UW has evaluated opting into the HathiTrust Shared Print Program and continues to do so. The program collaborates with member-institutions for access and preservation of scholarly materials in digital and physical formats. Together, the three organizations focus on preservation of materials through a collaborative approach and the sharing of resources, and the resulting shared-print archives allow member-institutions to optimize campus library space.

Council feedback

Hill questioned what the relationship is between these collaborations and traditional library loan programs. Pan explained these collaborations allow control of different collections locally. She noted it is not uncommon for libraries to partner and share the costs of purchasing new collections, and that the UW is interested in stewarding over more materials via these alliances.

Pan explained after a question that cost-sharing is currently being discussed in relation to the HathiTrust Shared Print Program. There was some discussion of the types of agreements that might occur under these partnerships, especially given lost and/or stolen items and membership fees. Cynthia Fugate (Senior Associate Dean of Libraries, Libraries Administration) added the libraries is interested in withdrawing materials from its collections in the interest of space, and is doing this via multiple arrangements. It was noted the University so far has agreed to steward more materials than it has withdrawn from its own collections.

There was some discussion of the UW collecting and preserving local newspapers, which was ended due to time constraints.

4) John Danneker, Director, Odegaard Undergraduate Library—Open Textbook/Open Educational Resources

John Danneker (Director, Odegaard Undergraduate Library) was present to update FCUL on the Open Educational Resources (OER) initiative at the UW. Open Educational Resources are defined as “freely accessible, openly licensed text, media, and other digital assets that are useful for teaching, learning, and assessing as well as for research purposes.”

Danneker prefaced the conversation by commenting that State legislation relating to open resources has gone farther this year than had been seen in the past. The initiative at the UW began when a group of faculty came together to discuss equity, access, and innovation in student learning. The group believed use of open textbooks was not just about saving students money, but also about those resources representing true innovation in education. It was clarified that open textbooks can be modified by various users and used freely in a variety of contexts due in part to flexible licensing options. He presented some background into the Rebus Open Textbook Pilot Project using a handout (Exhibit 2).

Danneker explained faculty often have a variety of questions related to incentives for using open resources, both at the unit-level and university-wide. In addition, the open resources community is still working out details related to modification of existing open resources and delineation of various resource versions. He explained accessibility is another primary aspect of the initiative, which includes building access (for various disabilities) directly into open materials during development rather than as an afterthought.

Council feedback

It was noted one would think an open resource could be tagged to demarcate the original author’s version. Danneker noted the associated licenses can include amendments that show modifications.

A member asked if there is metadata on the OER initiative and the on the use of open textbooks at the UW, or nationwide. Danneker noted he is not aware of any, but believes analyses of this type will be inevitable in the near-future as popularity of open resources grows. It was noted there are already efforts to evaluate open textbooks for efficacy. It was clarified the UW is a member-institution of the Open Textbook Network (OTN). There was some discussion of faculty members who may be interested in the initiative and using open resources.

5) Discussion of the state of the Open Access Policy

Hill explained he would like to update on the current status of the draft Open Access Policy (draft Class B legislation). The Policy was discussed but not voted on in the April Faculty Senate meeting, and senators were asked to disseminate information on its existence to members in their units. Hill explained Faculty Senate Chair, Zoe Barsness, wants the policy to be completely finalized and the adjoining legal questions answered before the Policy is voted on by the body, and so the Policy will be readdressed in the fall, 2017.

The main concerns heard by faculty in the meeting related to personal liability and the intersection between a university open access policy and agreement with a publisher. There was also some concern and confusion surrounding how the non-exclusive license (between the author and the University) will be granted, especially relating to existing faculty (as opposed to new faculty) – as well as if amendment of Executive Order No. 36 (Patent, Invention, and Copyright Policy) will be legally binding on faculty for this purpose. There was a question if there should be training for faculty so they understand their rights when it comes to open access and publishing, and there was a sentiment that there needs to be a lesser amount of information in the adjoining FAQ document, with a clearer focus.

Trent asked if FCUL members felt the FAQ document in relation to the Open Access Policy were comprehensive/effective. O’Neill recommended reorganizing the FAQ to prioritize giving information on the “stumbling blocks” at the outset of the document.

A member noted discussions in the Faculty Senate and dissemination of information to senators and their units has benefited the initiative.

O’Neill explained if faculty could understand the initiative as a singular part of a larger shift in how universities manage and access information, they may be more swayed by the Policy. There was some discussion of holding a symposium on the different aspects of open access. A member mentioned he wonders how much of the anxiety seen in the Faculty Senate simply relates to broader anxiety tied up in rights over faculty work.

6) Good of the order

Fugate explained the Literary Voices event was able to raise roughly \$285,000 in student scholarships for students employed by the UW Libraries. With an original goal of \$150,000, the event was an overwhelming success.

7) Adjourn

Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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

Present: **Faculty:** Trent Hill (chair), Kristin Gustafson, Betty Bekemeier
Ex-officio reps: Suzanne Redalje, Ellen Barker, Alanna McAuley, Kate O’Neill
Guests: John Danneker, Denise Pan, Cynthia Fugate, Tom Helleburg

Absent: **Faculty:** Jevin West, Laurianne Mullinax, Richard Furman, Lauro Flores, Randall
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Ex-officio reps: Anshumaan Mohan,
President’s designee: Betsy Wilson

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – printrepositorystrategy.pdf

Exhibit 2 – Rebus Open Textbook Pilot Project.pdf