

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
December 7th, 2016
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 November 9th, 2016
 3. Open Educational Resources – Chelle Batchelor
 4. Good of the Order
 5. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. He announced he will be teaching from 1:30-3:00 p.m. during spring quarter and asked that another member act as proxy chair for the first hour of spring quarter meetings until he is able to make it to the meeting.

2) Review of the minutes from November 9th, 2016

The November 9th, 2016 minutes were approved as written.

3) Open Educational Resources – Chelle Batchelor

Chelle Batchelor (Director of Access Services, Libraries) shared her presentation on Open Educational Resources (OER) with the council.

There were questions about whether or not UW has tried to use unlimited user license textbooks as open resources, which could be a stop gap solution until OER comes into effect. That option has not been explored. It was also pointed out that publishers and faculty who have written textbooks are likely less supportive of OER.

An important issue is if OER can be dynamic enough to stay current. Technology and information is changing on a yearly basis, so textbooks need to be frequently updated. A member explained OER is dynamic in that it allows faculty to edit the textbooks without a long drawn-out process.

Chair Hill wondered if any research has been done on the purpose textbooks serve while teaching a course, including if hard copy textbooks are necessary in today's college-level course. The council agreed that textbooks can provide quality and consistency in teaching, while also enabling students to come to class prepared.

4) Good of the order

Nothing was stated for the good of the order.

5) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Minutes by Jordan Smith, jjsmith4@uw.edu, assistant to the secretary of the faculty

Present: **Faculty:** Trent Hill (chair), Randall LeVeque, Jevin West, Betty Bekemeir, Laurianne Mullinax

Ex-officio reps: Susanne Redalje, Alanna McAuley, Ellen Barker

Guests: Chelle Batchelor, Cynthia Fugate, Tom Helleburg

Absent: **Faculty:** Lauro Flores, Kristin Gustafson, Richard Furman

Ex-officio reps: Anshumaan Mohan, Kate O'Neill

President's Designee: Betsy Wilson