

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Libraries  
October 8, 2014  
2:30pm – 4:00pm  
Suzzallo 5th Floor – Conference Room East

**Meeting synopsis:**

1. Call to Order
  2. Introductions and welcome of new members
  3. Review of the minutes from June 11, 2014
  4. FCUL charge and responsibilities
  5. Dean's update
  6. Agenda planning for 2014-15
  7. Adjourn
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**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Introductions and welcome of new members**

Members introduced themselves to the council.

**3. Review of the minutes from June 11, 2014**

The minutes from June 11, 2014 were approved as amended.

**4. FCUL charge and responsibilities**

Lattemann distributed a document listing the charge of the council: "The Faculty Council on University Libraries shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to libraries such as, but not limited to, collection development; services to students, faculty, and others; the system of libraries, including branch libraries; space needs, and budgetary requirements."

Discussion ensued about the role of the council and the list of activities identified by Lattemann:

- Collection Development
  - CD Guidelines under development
  - Multi-institutional approaches to CD (e.g., Hathi Trust, the Orbis Cascade Alliance)
  - Open access publishing
- Services to students, faculty and other
  - Shared Integrated Library System
  - Research Data Repository Pilot
  - Online and hybrid courses support
  - Distinguished Librarian Award

- The system of libraries, including branch libraries
  - New models of services
  - One library three campuses
  - Branch library refurbishment (e.g., Engineering, Health Sciences, East Asia libraries)
- Space Needs
  - Long-range Libraries facilities plan
  - Sand Point Remote Shelving
  - Conservation Lab construction
- Budgetary Requirements
  - Materials cost increases
  - Staffing and compensation
- Other
  - Status of librarians
  - Strategic planning and assessment

Discussion ensued about the recent renovation of the Odegaard Undergraduate Library and FCUL's tour of the facility prior to opening to the public.

Lattemann discussed the council's charge and mentioned that as part of shared governance the council has the ability to listen and provide feedback to Senior Associate Dean of Libraries Cynthia Fugate and Dean of University Libraries Betsy Wilson on issues that concern the council. Fugate noted that the council can come up with activities on its own, and may include visits to newly-developed facilities or special tours. A comment was raised that FCUL could host a campus-wide symposiums on certain issues, such as digital futures or "big data".

## 5. Dean's update

Fugate provided an update on behalf of Wilson who was not in attendance. Fugate reported on the library systems update which is part of a multi-state alliance of libraries, Orbis-Cascade, which has contracted with Ex Libris to provide a new library system for alliance members. Fugate clarified that each institution has a customized system that is connected to the larger alliance network. The new undertaking has been challenging and UW Libraries decided the new front-end service, Primo, was not ready for prime time. Since the vendor was behind on the development side with a plan to release the system a day before school started UW Libraries decided to wait until early spring 2015. UW Libraries is using its current search provider WorldCat Local until the final transition. Fugate noted there are still some outstanding issues with Primo, such as inconsistent and incomplete search results.

Fugate reported on recent developments with UW's serial subscription agents that are tasked with managing the payment of subscriptions to journals and databases. UW's serial business was managed by a company called Swets which filed for bankruptcy three weeks ago, prompting UW to sever its contract and start the process of obtaining legal counsel. Fugate noted that this situation will unfortunately impact staff implementing the back-end of the new library system since UW is now dealing with the failure of its major subscription agent. Fugate explained that UW will be able to successfully address this problem and is primarily concerned with ensuring users do not experience lack of access to licensed resources.

UW Libraries conducted a feasibility study to expand storage space within the Sandpoint auxiliary storage building. Unfortunately, the study came back projecting twice the initial cost estimate due to

several required replacements, such as reinstalling the HVAC system. While the project is still on the university's priority list UW Libraries and the Office of Planning and Budget will focus on identifying shorter-term storage solutions in order to maximize user space on central campus.

Fugate reported the data science studio will open later in the fall, hopefully by the end of October. A suggestion was raised that FCUL could have a tour of the facility once it is open.

Fugate reported on recent interest to remodel Suzzallo Espresso and creating a Starbucks-licensed store. UW has a 10-year goal in which Starbucks-licensed stores will be operating on all three campuses, and Suzzallo Espresso is being considered to be the first location. There will be substantial capital costs for the remodel and discussions are underway about how to fund the project. Fugate noted that a significant concern is that any construction should occur over the summer to ensure the location is open and available to students. Discussion ensued about UW's partnerships with commercial entities.

Fugate reported on UW Libraries' upcoming data repository pilot to develop a method for faculty to deposit data. This project would allow faculty to archive and curate data similar to programs at the University of Pennsylvania and George Washington University. For most employees the project will be free, unless the data storage will be used for massive amounts of data (such as media files) which will incur costs for the user. The funding model will be developed during the pilot phase.

Discussion moved to the Odegaard renovation project which would cost approximately \$20 million and occur on the ground level near By George and the third floor. The project as originally envisioned in the planning document would create a grand entrance that faces Meany Hall and allow for an expanded media center, a dining area and other services.

## **6. Agenda planning for 2014-15**

Sims asked members if the council has plans for Open Access Week and if the council will participate in any activities. UW hosted a symposium in Johnson Hall several years ago but the council has not done anything directly related to the event. Discussion moved to the council's role in working with other constituent groups to address open access textbooks. GPSS is developing a resolution to address open access similar to ASUW. A comment was raised that there was concern about fees for submitting articles in open access journals and the perception that these journals are not highly prestigious. Additionally, it is important that any journal which publishes an article is easily searchable and peer reviewed. Kerr noted that when she was a past FCUL chair the council was most concerned about faculty maintaining ownership of their articles. Discussion ensued. The infrastructure is slowly coming into place but acceptance is not yet universal. A comment was raised that the council could work with groups such as ASUW to build interest in the use of open access journals that could gain the attention of colleagues.

Fugate noted that Wilson is in Washington DC for a conference of the Association for Research Libraries and will be in a workshop focusing on the future of the scholarly monograph.

## **7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Lattemann at 3:30 p.m.

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*Minutes by Grayson Court, council support analyst, gcourt@uw.edu*

**Present:**       **Faculty:** Lattemann (chair), Gillis-Bridges  
                  **Ex Officio:** Barker, Redalje, Kerr, Sims  
                  **Guests:** Cynthia Fugate

**Absent:**       **Faculty:** Flores, Hill, Leveque, Mountcastle, Nicoletta  
                  **President's Designee:** Wilson  
                  **Ex Officio:** Ziskina