

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
June 11, 2014, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Suzzallo 5th Floor – Conference Room East

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
 2. Review of the Minutes from April 9th
 3. Vice Provost and Dean's Update
 4. GPSS Open Access Resolution
 5. Good of the Order
 6. Adjourn
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1. Call to Order

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

2. Review of the Minutes from April 9th

The minutes from April 9th were approved as amended.

3. Vice Provost and Dean's Update

Wilson provided an update on the integrated library systems. The April 7th release introduced new features including:

- Citation tools integrated into the system
- Permalinks for urls
- Location filters to research by topic
- Ability to view only those items that are currently available and not checked out

A question was raised asking if there will be a document summarizing all the new updates. There will be new communications going out to liaisons to different departments but UW Libraries could provide a link describing the updates. Wilson explained that Worldcat and the beta search will be coequal on the UW Libraries website by June 17th for user testing. Wilson stressed the importance of user feedback, especially from graduate students.

A comment was raised about a university-wide email communicating the process and explain in detail the new changes. At this time communication will go out to departments via library liaisons with a possible campus-wide email in Fall Quarter 2014. Fugate explained that some improvements will roll out in early July so this is still an ongoing process. Concern was raised this is not being fully communicated to faculty. A comment was raised that UW Libraries cannot do more until fall quarter in order to effectively communicate the changes to the entire campus community.

Wilson reported on the Excellence in Libraries awards for undergraduates. Wilson explained that Janine Schnell was the recipient of the Distinguished Librarian award and will be recognized tomorrow at the University Awards Ceremony.

Wilson reported on the closure of the Physics/Astronomy reading room and its conversion to the data science studio. The room will be refurbished with a target date of late November.

UW Libraries will sponsor a library “bootcamp” from July 9-11 and will attract librarians from across the country.

UW Libraries will host the biennial Library Assessment Conference from August 3-7 and is expecting approximately 500 attendees from across the world

4. GPSS Open Access Resolution

Ziskina and Austin Wright-Pettibone (GPSS University Affairs Director) presented a draft resolution encouraging UW to adopt open access policies for publications.

Ziskina and Write-Pettibone explained that as part of UW’s mission to advance, disseminate and preserve knowledge the university should adopt an open access policy to ensure free and public access to the scholarly peer-reviewed articles produced by students, staff and faculty. This would include faculty and/or students who appear as an author or co-author on any publication whose work was funded in full, or in part, by the UW. Additionally, any open-access policy adopted by UW grants to the university a nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright related to each of the scholarly articles produced by UW students, staff and faculty. Additional issues covered under the resolution include:

- UW employees will assist UW in obtaining copies of articles
- Employees will provide an electronic copy of the articles final version
- Published material will be freely available to the public in *ResearchWorks*
- UW libraries will provide relevant, current information regarding journal publishers, pricing and author’s rights
- UW libraries will maintain and further develop *ResearchWorks* and other related services
- UW libraries will allocate and fund personnel as necessary to facilitate the deposit of student, staff and faculty publications in *ResearchWorks*
- The administration will provide sufficient resources to UW Libraries and to academic units
- UW will work with departments and colleges to assure that the review process for promotion, tenure and merit take into strong consideration those publication published in open access journals or freely available through online repositories
- UW will continuously support and evaluate its open access publications policy to ensure that such a policy is most effective at ensuring the public’s access to university-funded/supported research
- UW will commit to actively advocating for the universal adoption of similar open access policies

Ziskina and Wright-Pettibone explained that the policy would not in any way prescribe or limit the venue of publication and the policy neither requires nor prohibits the payment of fees or publication costs by authors.

A question was raised asking how this became an issue since it is uncommon for faculty and students to encounter this problem because UW Libraries subscribes to most journals. Wright-Pettibone explained that this also affects public users. Additionally, open access policies are important to combat the increasing costs to scholarly work. Members discussed the impacts of open access and images for authors to use under copywrite. Discussion ensued about the mechanics of implementing the policy. A comment was raised that Harvard automates open access publishing while other institutions devote staffing to continuously upload material. A question was raised about whether the policy would allow for open access repositories resulting from a recent White House memorandum. Wright-Pettibone explained that yes, open access could be provided through other repositories other than *ResearchWorks*.

A question was raised asking if GPSS received feedback from students regarding the draft resolution. Wright-Pettibone explained that feedback depends on the student community and noted open access is fairly unusual for those in the sciences. However, in those cases GPSS is also working on policies for open access textbooks. Wright-Pettibone explained that students are pushing for more and more openness because they live in a time where access to information is the norm. A question was raised asking why Harvard bought into the concept of open access publishing and the deal they are getting out of providing free material online. Discussion ensued. A comment was raised that as part of Harvard's mission to disseminate knowledge the institution is very active in circulating its educational material to the public. A comment was raised stressing the problem created by complex grant funding rules forcing faculty to publish their articles in traditional journals and publications.

A suggestion was made to approach UW's state lobbyist Margaret Shepard. Discussion ensued about conversations with publishing companies and their reaction to this policy proposal. Wright-Pettibone explained the goal is to discuss the resolution with new ASUW/GPSS leadership and to introduce the legislation next academic year. If the resolution passes, GPSS will approach faculty leadership, the Provost Advisory Council to Students, and UW administrators.

5. Good of the Order

Members thanked Cooper for chairing the council.

6. Adjourn

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

Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Lattemann, Nicoletta
 President's Designee: Wilson
 Ex Officio: Barker, Redalje, Kirkendall, Zikina
 Guests: Austin Wright-Pettibone (GPSS University Affairs Director), Cynthia Fugate
 (Senior Associate Dean of Libraries)

Absent: **Faculty:** Gillis-Bridges, Hill, Leveque
 Ex Officio: Schroeder