

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., November 14, 2012
Odegaard 220

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Approval of Minutes from October 17th FCUL meeting
 - 3) Faculty Library Carrel Policy
 - 4) Odegaard Library Remodel Update
 - 5) Adjourn
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joyce Cooper at 2:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 17th FCUL meeting

Minutes were approved as revised.

3. Faculty Library Carrel Policy

The topic of Faculty Library Carrels were introduced by Cynthia Fugate, Associate Dean of Libraries and Thom Deardorff, Coordinator for Access Services. Three types of carrels exist, providing study rooms for library borrowers, one open for a class of borrowers, another with lockers for multiple individuals and the highly sought after, individually assigned, faculty study rooms. 36 carrels exist on the 5th floor of Suzzallo, and currently there is just enough supply to meet demand, with one or two people on a waitlist. UW Libraries is reviewing the policy for these rooms, and would like FCUL's feedback.

The policy change is to limit use of these spaces to tenure-track faculty, compared to all faculty, which was deemed too broad.¹ After a lecturer applied to reserve a carrel, the question was raised whether to open use of such spaces by lecturers. Policy should serve to balance accessibility and the tradition of offering such spaces for tenured faculty. Debate followed, noting the increasing commonality of lecturers on campus, the lack of spaces for lecturers, and the intent on establishment of carrels.

The Council recommended that these spaces not serve as substitutes for lack of space for faculty within departments. The Council will consider this, and requested data on the rank and department of those utilizing these spaces. It was suggested that criteria to judge potential occupants be easy to apply and clear. FCUL members will consider and recommend whether all faculty should be allowed access to these spaces or to restrict to tenure track faculty during its next meeting. Changes within this policy online have implications on either increasing or decreasing visibility of or demand for these spaces.

¹ Current draft of this policy can be found here: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/suzzallo/study/carrels>

4. Odegaard Library Remodel Update

Jill McKinstry, Director of Odegaard Undergraduate Library was introduced to the Council to present on the Odegaard Library remodel. Funds to be spent on this remodel were halfway spent, but must be spent over the next 6 months. Main features which were altered were the removal of the central staircase, which added 6,000 ft² of space, the addition of a skylight in the roof, a writing and research center and enclosure of the third floor due to fire code regulations. McKinstry provided photos of these changes, and noted that this project has been conducted without injury and first aid safety incidents.

Active learning spaces are being created within the library, designed in collaboration with Roberta Hopkins, Director of Classroom Support Services and the Center for Teaching and Learning. Discussion followed on the layout of these rooms. These classrooms do not have a lecture area in the front, rather circular tables with nine seats, at each table, for three groups of three students. The rooms contain glass writing boards, and one large screen at each table. The Council considered educational exercises within these rooms. The success of this room format has been well documented within teaching and learning literature. It is hoped to integrate Odegaard's south entry ground floor with its other floors, to welcome visitors and freshmen coming from the residences west of 15th Ave as part of the second phase of the project. Funding has not yet been identified for Phase 2.

A video was shown on active learning spaces at the University of Minnesota.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Joyce Cooper at 3:44 p.m.

Minutes by Jay Freistadt, Faculty Council Support Analyst. jayf@u.washington.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Nicoletta, Lattemann
Ex-Officio Reps: Redalje, Barker, Gebhart
Guests: Cynthia Fugate, Thom Deardorff, Jill McKinstry

Absent: **Faculty:** Gillis-Bridges, Hill, LeVeque (Sabbatical)
President's Designee: Wilson
Ex-Officio: Kirkendall