

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

The Faculty Council on University Libraries met at 1:35 p.m. on **Friday, October 26, 2007**, at the University of Washington, Room 26 Gerberding Hall. Chair Charles Wilkinson presided over the meeting.

Synopsis

1. Approval of the June 6, 2007 Minutes
2. State of the Libraries Overview (Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)
3. Planning for Consolidated Fine Arts Library (Betsy Wilson)
4. Scholarly Communication Initiatives (Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication)
5. Discussion of FCUL Agenda Items for 2007-08

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of June 6, 2007.

The minutes of June 6, 2007 were approved as written.

2. State of the Libraries Overview (Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)

Wilson presented a briefing on the state of the Libraries, which is given every year to Libraries staff, promoting what has been accomplished throughout the year.

Wilson mentioned the importance of the Faculty Council to her as the Dean. She reviewed the one library, three campuses format and highlighted the benefits of this structure. She noted there are nearly 500 staff, plus 500 student employees in the Libraries which provides access to seven million volumes. The UW Libraries is known for various collections such as Periodical/Serial and digital as well as global collections and very strong assessment and planning.

Wilson highlighted the Vision 2010 brochure which includes the mission of the Libraries and the strategic directions focus. Wilson noted the future of the university depends on the future of the library. Information policy and scholarly communication is changing quickly with many costs and risks inherent. Some of the priorities include:

Connecting and convergence: Wilson reviewed the various projects and events that have been underway including the Artist Images Series with UW alumnus and glass artist Dale Chihuly, and a Government Publications' sponsored reading of the US Constitution on Constitution Day.

Facilities enhancement: Wilson noted various accomplishments including the completion of the Odegaard Videoconferencing Studio and the facelift and renovation of the East Asia Library.

Workplace of choice: The Libraries places a strong emphasis on rewarding and recognizing staff. Wilson reminded the Council that librarians are not faculty or professional staff, but have their own promotional process. This is currently being reexamined. Wilson mentioned the student scholarship endowments.

Competitive compensation: This is an ongoing challenge, especially for new hires.

Internal communication: Several guidelines and communication enhancements have been put in place for staff.

Diversify strengths: Since expanding the pipeline for librarians is important, an endowed fellowship for a student in the information school has been established. Last year's recipient was Jennifer Fairchild. Also in place is a leadership program providing intriguing experiences for mid-career librarians.

Connecting research and practice: The Libraries have supported research efforts and increased the knowledge base by facilitating and contributing with publications and conference presentations.

Connect with the profession: Librarians contribute to over 60 different professional associations and organizations.

Capitol campaign: The Libraries has met the goal 15 months early with a broad donor base and increased endowments. This has also been a record breaking year for grants.

Enhanced user services: The Libraries has been active in bringing information to where people need it with resources like WorldCat Local. Wilson encouraged the members to explore this catalog. Also, the Libraries experimented with making collections available online by adding them to Wikipedia. Convenience trumps quality, so the Libraries will make quality convenient with the Connection at Point of Need approach exemplified by the Regional Medical Library serving 6 states and the Bothell Library serving Cascadia Community College.

Interdisciplinary convergence: The Libraries' roles (data archiving, data management) in cyberinfrastructure, e-science and biosciences are being explored. The Libraries is considering response to the National Science Foundation DataNet solicitation.

Global research: The Libraries will continue the connection with China and the Rome Center. Wilson just completed a major meeting called Global Research Library 2020 to talk about researchers and students working on a global basis and what the Libraries can do together with other entities.

The Common Book: The Libraries has been a leader in The Common Book with lectures, exhibits, panels, etc.

Library Space and planning: Plans include building out the Sandpoint facility, health sciences upgrades, and improved shelving.

Community of assessors: Results of the 2007 Libraries Triennial Survey generated enhancements on several fronts. Wilson noted that she and her staff are always scanning what the faculty and students are doing to connect themselves to the information they need. She is seeing long term changes in the modes of use of information. Collections and systems have also been assessed.

Convergence of digital collections: Creation of digital collections has increased markedly, including the tribal connection with the Olympic peninsula (Olympic Peninsula Virtual Community Museum), and the Korea literature collection, as well as the Brumfield Collection of Russian Architecture.

Collections through consortia: The Libraries depends on consortia to leverage dramatically its purchasing power for electronic databases and to move books within a 48-hour time frame among other libraries around the state.

Preserve for the future: Many initiatives have been significant including transferring digital material accompanying UW theses and dissertations to DSpace.

Wilson also reviewed the major activities for 2008.

4. Scholarly Communication Initiatives (Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication) *The Chair decided this agenda item should go next due to presenter's schedule.*

Jewell reviewed the Libraries' connection to the research enterprise. Jewell referred to the working agenda for a lunch that has been organized to provide background on important issues in Scholarly Communications (SC) and talk about efforts the Libraries has been making in these areas and brainstorm what else should be done throughout the year. The invited guests have been collaborating with the Libraries over the last couple of years. Several have also served as guest presenters at a SC institute to explore different concerns and issues. There will be Librarians attending as well. Five topics will be discussed:

- Future of UW Institutional Repository
- Copyright Awareness and Support
- Alternative Publishing Strategy
- Libraries/UW Press Collaboration
- Cyber-Infrastructure and E-Science.

Jewell reviewed the packet of information which included journal publishers and costs, serial vs. monograph expenditures, what the UW Libraries SC activities have been in

2006-2007, working with the UW Press on collaboration, and a joint position focused on digital initiatives. Jewell suggested bringing in a consultant to help develop ideas on collaborating; discussions with the Graduate School on electronic theses and dissertations; attendance at Public Knowledge Project/Open Journal System conference; and the appointment of Neal Rambo to a new “Cyberinfrastructure” position.

Jewell sees this as a good step forward to building partnerships on campus. Ultimate goal would be a SC committee university wide – to see what efforts should be focused on. Wilkinson briefly updated the group on Open Access.

3. Planning for Consolidated Fine Arts Library (Betsy Wilson)

Wilson talked about her vision of a Fine Arts Library with the help of funding from the state and donors. She is working to get planning money in the state budget. This vision would include music, drama, dance and digital arts and would come with an estimated \$38M price tag. Focus for Wilson this year is on fund raising. Prospects were discussed of a named architect for the project.

5. Discussion of FCUL Agenda Items for 2007-08

Wilkinson read the role of the FCUL from the Faculty Code.

Agenda items suggested for future meetings:

- Copyright issues for teaching materials
- Scanning books (Google, Microsoft, Open Content Alliance) – advice from the group
- Status of librarians
- Field trips
- Penny Hazelton addressing the group - Law Library

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33AM

PRESENT: Professors: Wilkinson (chair), Bichindaritz, Kot, Laird, MacLachlan, Retman

President’s Designee: Wilson

Representatives: Banerjee, Bankson, Barker

Guests: Tim Jewell

ABSENT: Professors: Seaburg
Representatives:

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ABSENCE: Professors: Diment, Mitchell, Chamberlin
Representatives:

Handouts:

- o Scholarly Communication “Stakeholder” Lunch

- Welcome packet from the Libraries
- Articles from the *New York Times*, and *The Chronicle Review*

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