

University Of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Libraries  
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., October 19, 2011  
Suzzallo 5th Floor Conference Room East

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes
  - 2) Welcome and Introductions
  - 3) Voting Rights for *ex-officio* members, Council member availability
  - 4) Faculty Fund for Library Excellence
  - 5) Dean's Update and Strategic Priorities
  - 6) Hathi Trust Briefing
  - 7) Planning and Priorities for the Year
  - 8) Adjournment
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**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chair Joyce Cooper.

**1) Approval of the minutes from June 1, 2011 meeting**

The minutes from the June 1, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

**2) Welcome and Introductions**

Council Chair Joyce Cooper welcomed members to the first meeting of the Faculty Council on University Libraries for the 2011-2012 academic year. All members introduced themselves, and explained their roles.

**3) Voting Rights for *ex-officio* members, Council member availability**

Cooper briefly described a Faculty Council Chairs' meeting that she attended, in which voting rights of *ex-officio* Council members was discussed. Due to the justifications provided by Council Chairs last year, it was confirmed that voting rights granted to *ex-officio* roles last year would be continued. However, the council is free to decide to change this in the future.

Cooper expressed concerns about the meeting schedule and asked for ways to improve accessibility. Four members are not available during the scheduled time, and one must leave midway during the meeting. Establishing a mode of communication to allow for remote attendance was proposed in the hopes that it would address issues for UW Tacoma members and other class scheduling conflicts. It was decided to try electronic access at the next meeting, and gather feedback to help decide how the council would like to move forward with this issue and perhaps share findings with other Councils.

**4) Faculty Fund for Library Excellence**

Cooper briefly gave an overview of a new fund established last year allowing current and emeritus faculty to contribute to collections of the Library: the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence. She went on to say that the University is halfway through the campaign. Cyndi Asmus, Director for Advancement at University Libraries Administration provided an overview of contributions: there has been \$3,505 of gifts since last spring, spread across 18 donors. At a previous meeting, Wilson and Asmus discussed next steps; one important step would be further promotion and publicity. Paper mailings versus email, whether or not it could or should be included in the combined fund drive, solicit support from the Faculty Senate by helping with communication and perhaps distributing registration forms to colleagues. It might be advisable to ask for another Faculty Senate resolution, but it was decided the first meeting would not be timely.

In terms of fund availability, Wilson reported that allocation of these funds is currently in process. A suggestion was made to invite Linda DiBiase, Collection Development Librarian, to a meeting to discuss funds management. DiBiase currently manages library endowment funds. To begin with these funds will be dedicated to buying books rather than journals or subscriptions. Wilson and Cooper agreed that it

would be a potent statement to provide allocation data to the Faculty Senate, framing it as a revolving need. The group discussed collaboratively drafting a proposal in order to maximize the visibility of the fund and its budget impacts. One idea stressed was to set a goal, in dollars, and track each school year.

In conclusion, some temporary funding has allowed continuation of serial and monograph efforts, and thankfully the budget scenario is not as dire as was last February. This fund was used to demonstrate faculty support of libraries, in the face of budget cuts, despite probable continued budget cuts.

#### **5) Dean's Update and Strategic Priorities (See attached document.)**

Dean Wilson provided the group with the current UW budget cut scenarios, presented her priorities for the year, and items that she would like FCUL's support. Currently, the UW is faced with a \$207 million shortfall for the 2011-13 biennium; these cuts will probably increase. The university has benefited with the ability to set tuition.

The Capitol Budget has come forth with phase 1 of undergraduate library; \$19.5 million was requested in each of the next bienniums, but the scope had to be reduced as the full amount was not granted. All of the funding is required to be spent by June 30, 2013, which has put much pressure on the design team to finish. If not spent, funding will otherwise be returned to the government. Miller Hull is the lead architect, and Mortenson will be doing the construction on the building. The Working Group has managed well together to move this process forward. They are Rebecca Barnes, University Architect, and Jill McKinstry, Director of Odegaard Undergraduate Library, and Roberta Hopkins of Classroom Support Services. The schedule is very ambitious with such a short timeline. Wilson mentioned that more money may be solicited from private fundraising.

Wilson commended Mary Lidstrom's service as Interim Provost, working with students, faculty and administration, described the framework for prioritizing funding. Shared priorities for the University in Seattle highlighted libraries throughout many of these categories. Libraries were one of the 5 groups that had a net increase in funds: Libraries took a 3.5% cut to permanent base (\$1,076,600), 1.9% cut to permanent base, but received \$500,000 for maintaining student jobs, \$2 million temporary investment for information resources, resulting in a net 4.5% increase. Libraries currently contribute \$1.5 million annually to student jobs. Cuts have been mitigated by reducing the operating budget, eliminating some vacant positions, resulting in no layoffs. Due to increased budget cuts, efforts centered on how to halt the erosion of quality and maintain competitiveness. Libraries raised \$2.2 million in fundraising, gaining five new endowments and saw the beginning of the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence. For the success over the last year, Libraries enjoyed due to support from the President and Provost, FCUL, faculty and students, libraries cabinet and assessment team.

Wilson quickly identified priorities as Dean of University Libraries: Educational Partnerships, New liaison framework, using multi-institutional frameworks (i.e. HathiTrust, Orbis Cascade), reshaping physical facilities (specifically within Health Sciences and UW Tacoma), sustainable academic business plan. Wilson spoke about her interactions with the President, and her role on the Provost Search Committee. Members discussed the power of the Provost and the continuity of policies during the transition to the new Provost.

#### **6) HathiTrust Briefing (See attached document.)**

Wilson presented information on the Hathi Trust Foundation, which is a coalition of major research libraries in the United States to build a robust repository of digitalized texts. She was present at the Constitutional Convention, and she gave an overview of HathiTrust's growing access to content, the development of its constitution, and the extension beyond digitalized text to video, audio and photographs.

Wilson discussed the differentiation between copyrighted and non-copyrighted restrictions within the repository, and the HathiTrust lawsuit regarding orphaned works. This lawsuit may set a precedent of ability to sue libraries, which she believes that will result in lawsuits in the near future and may restrict international inter-library loan. Wilson also discussed "first-sale" rights, which cedes the right to lend items to an organization that initially purchased of item, which libraries are based upon. She concluded that the

HathiTrust will greatly impact research libraries through providing a pool of resources across multiple libraries, coordination of high impact work, and through coordinated actions, such as copyright issues. Cooper asked if it would be fruitful to seek out other Faculty Councils that may be working on similar issues. Wilson answered that she thought this would be beneficial once processes are established for releasing work through the trust.

#### 7) **Planning and Priorities for the Year**

Cooper requested to know issues for the council to address in 2011 and 2012. Multiple items were mentioned as follows:

- Implementation of money from the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence
- Establish a target and demonstrate the impact of Faculty Fund for Library Excellence
- Approaching Faculty Senate to further promote Faculty Fund for Library Excellence
- Drafting of a position paper regarding open access publishing
- Strengthening educational partnerships: How technology developed for outreach programs may be useful for classrooms
- Develop template for different agencies regarding federal data management requirements
- Representation of librarians on the Faculty Senate

#### 8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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**Present:**       **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Lattemann, Kot  
                  **President's Designee:** Wilson  
                  **Ex-Officio Reps:** Kirkendall, Redalje, Barker  
                  **Guests:** Chamberlin, Asmus

**Absent:**        **Faculty:** Laird, Hicks, Mack, Mitchell, Retman, Seaburg  
                  **Ex Officio Rep:** ASUW representative, GPSS representative