

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Libraries  
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., October 17, 2012  
Suzzallo Petersen 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1) Call to Order
  - 2) Introductions
  - 3) Approval of Minutes from February 15, Notes from March 14, April 11, and May 9th FCUL meetings
  - 4) 2011-2012 Recap and Context and Role for the FCUL
  - 5) Dean's Update, including a status report on OUGL construction
  - 6) Andrew W. Mellon Senior Conservator Endowment
  - 7) HathiTrust and Legal Actions
  - 8) 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. Introductions**

Cooper briefly led the Council through introductions. Cooper members to reach out to any graduate students who would be interested in serving on FCUL.

**3. Approval of Minutes from February 15, Notes from March 14, April 11, and May 9th FCUL meetings**

Minutes were approved as written, with one revision.

**4. 2011-2012 Recap and Context and Role for the FCUL**

Cooper noted that voting rights would continue to be extended to ex-officio members. She highlighted activities from the past year, and items to be addressed during this year.

Establishment of the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence (FFLE)

The FFLE was established for current and emeritus faculty to support the library collections, created by FCUL during 2011. This was timely, demonstrating faculty support for libraries in the face of budget cuts, and the proposal was unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate. The Council suggested that funds first be used for the JSTOR Arts & Sciences X Archive Collection, due to its cross-discipline reach, and set a goal to raise \$9,000 by December of 2012. Cooper had attempted to have UW News publish information on this fund, but was refused. She requested suggestions for advertising this fund. Betsy Wilson, Dean of Libraries, offered to place this information and a link to contribute on UW Libraries' News and Spotlight pages.

General Activity updates: FCUL also discussed the Librarian Awards, Scholarly Communications, Collective Collections and multi-institutional Approaches, Digital Preservation Network, the Libraries' budget and Library renovations such as Health Sciences and Odegaard.

Inclusion of Librarians on the Faculty Senate: Last year, the current and past ALUW presidents, Sion Romaine and Laura Lillard came to discuss the inclusion of librarians as faculty at UW. They created a

website,<sup>1</sup> containing supporting information, such as a survey amongst librarians on this topic, collective bargaining agreements, similarities between faculty and librarian statuses, and a “white paper” identifying the benefits of changing librarians to faculty status.

Beyond last year’s issues, this year FCUL will discuss Open Access, strengthening educational partnerships and a sustainable academic plan, projects and general planning.

#### **5. Dean's Update, including a status report on OUGL construction**

Wilson thanked members for serving on the Council, and emphasized the importance of feedback from FCUL provides. She informed of an upcoming lecture by Timothy Egan, the recipient of the Maxine Cushing Gray fellowship. She also emphasized the importance of libraries within Online Learning, Coursera and questions on legal and copyright ownership.

#### Budget

A brief update was provided on the UW Libraries’ Budget. The University recognized that Libraries had received too deep of budget cuts, specifically within collections and operations. Due to this, Seattle Campus Libraries will have a permanent \$4 million biennial increase to libraries materials budget, funding books and journals, and was exempted from an average 2.9 % campus budget cut. Though this is excellent news, this funding does not restore earlier cuts and structural problems continue to exist. The Bothell Library received additional funds, while UW Tacoma’s Library did not. The Libraries raised over \$2 million in private funds last year, an increase of \$500,000 to \$1 million more than average and is continuing strong this year. Wilson informed the Council of the deaths of two major supporters of the Library, Leland Dirks<sup>2</sup> and Faye Allen<sup>3</sup> who left endowments to respectively support students in preservation studies and support collections and programs.

#### Facilities

Wilson then described news within library facilities. Regarding the Odegaard Library renovation, the library has been partially opened, and staff have been relocated to trailers, and hours have been extended. Cynthia Fugate, Associate Dean of University Libraries, informed that they have not seen a decrease in student demand for the libraries, despite the reopening of the Husky Union Building. Discussion followed on the structural changes from a darker space with a central stairway to a bright space lit by skylights, with two active learning spaces on the first floor. The Tioga Library addition in the Tacoma Library just opened two weeks prior.

#### Integrated Library System

A shared integrated library system between 37 libraries in the Orbis Cascade Alliance will be created over three years. This is a major effort, beginning in June, and resulting in shared services. 10 million titles and 29 million items will be shared for over 300,000 faculty, staff and students. The objective of this effort was to increase capacity, better serve customers and have multi-institutional approach for sharing these items. This will replace the WorldCAT system.

#### **6. Andrew W. Mellon Senior Conservator Endowment**

UW Libraries applied for a \$1 million matching grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a Senior Conservator on books and paper last year. UW was selected, and has 45 months to raise \$1

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<sup>1</sup> <http://staffweb.lib.washington.edu/committees/aluw/status/statuscommittee>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.lib.washington.edu/support/endowments/james-leland-dirks-jr.-library-preservation-endowed-fund>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.lib.washington.edu/support/endowments/allend>

million for this endowment. \$250,000 has been provided to recruit and pay the conservator for three years, and interviews for this role may begin as soon as November. This role will require retrofitting space for a fume hood, which is expensive. Cooper noted that the FFLE could be applied to this endowment if necessary, should Council members agree to this. UW would serve a large market, as no other institutions have such conservators north of Berkeley and west of Chicago.

#### 7. HathiTrust and Legal Actions

HathiTrust is a partnership of libraries, and currently provides access to nearly 11 million books which have been scanned for searching and use. The Author's Guild and individual authors had sued the Trust, requesting to cease such digitization; however a recent court decision found that digitizing for searching, preservation and researching to be considered fair-use. Wilson emphasized that this is an important ruling which affects scholarship, research and learning. A second court case was noted to have a similar ruling. Additionally, all HathiTrust members would like to make 11 million books accessible to people with visual disabilities.

#### 8. Adjourn

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

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**Present:**           **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Lattemann, Gillis-Bridges, Nicoletta, Hill

**President's Designee:** Wilson

**Ex-Officio Reps:** Redalje, Gebhart, Kirkendall, Barker

**Guests:** Cynthia Fugate

**Absent:**           **Faculty:** LeVeque (Sabbatical)