

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
MONDAY, October 13, 2008, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Petersen Room, Allen Library

Chair Charles Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Welcome and introductions
  2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting of June 13, 2008
  3. Discussion and vote on voting privileges for *ex officio* members of FCUL
  4. Libraries Update—Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries
  5. Report on Senate Executive Committee action on the proposed Scholarly Communication Committee and other SEC activities—Charles Wilkinson, Chair, FCUL
  6. Report from Libraries Development Office – Cyndi Asmus, Director of Libraries Development
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**1. Welcome and introductions**

Chair Charles Wilkinson welcomed new and returning council members and asked members to introduce themselves. He announced the council's new faculty member, Joyce Cooper. Wilkinson also explained the office of the Faculty Senate and the role of the recorder as staff support to FCUL.

**2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting of June 13, 2008**

With one small spelling correction, the minutes were approved.

**3. Discussion and vote on voting privileges for *ex officio* members of FCUL**

Wilkinson explained the Faculty Handbook rule that allows voting faculty members to give voting privileges to the council members from representative groups. Council members briefly discussed the issue before granting voting privileges to the *ex officio* members listed on the roster.

The Chair also asked members if they were happy with the use of Meeting Wizard, an online scheduling system. Members seemed to be pleased with the use and ease of the tool. Wilkinson noted that the remaining council meetings in fall quarter would be:

- Monday, November 3, 2008, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Monday, December 15, 2008, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

The venue will be announced later.

#### **4. Libraries Update – Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries**

Dean Wilson handed out an updated UW Libraries brochure. She opened her report with a brief overview of the UW Libraries system that serves all three campuses. She stressed the importance that FCUL plays in providing advice, support, and feedback to her and to the Libraries. Wilson noted the guests from the Libraries who frequently visit the council and mentioned important off-site visits made, and those they are considering making this year.

Wilson spoke fondly of the student employees in the Libraries and how they stay in touch with them. She was asked how the Libraries advertise for student employees. Wilson described the use of posted ads and how they reach out to many foreign students who provide needed language skills.

- Summer work

Wilson described the serious work done over the summer in moving over 250,000 volumes to the Sandpoint storage facility. She explained that these volumes are all lower-use materials, and that they will ultimately move between one million and one and a half million volumes. Wilson also noted that they have closed down the “Oak Tree” archival unit off of Aurora Ave. and are consolidating materials there with the ones at Sandpoint.

- New Libraries website

Wilson described the launch of the updated Libraries website and asked members to send her feedback on it. She noted the new “Ask Us” button on the front page that has generated a marked increase in questions asked, from approximately 200 to 700 questions a day. The resource operates 24 hours a day, and during the evening, questions are sent to librarians around the world. Wilson also reported on the usefulness of the online “how to use” tutorials for students.

- Campaign UW

Wilson reported on the celebration to the end of Campaign UW, noting its great success in raising over 2 billion dollars. The Libraries exceeded its goal by 25 percent.

- DataNet update

Wilson reported that the DataNet program awards for \$20 million have yet to be bestowed by the National Science Foundation and that the UW is still among the three finalists. The National Research Board needed to approve the awards by August and when that wasn't possible, they decided to ask the finalists to resubmit their proposals. Wilson noted that the UW has received strong encouragement to resubmit their proposal.

- Organizational Changes

Wilson read through a list of organizational shifts in the Libraries system.

- Paul Constantine –Associate Dean of University Libraries, whose responsibilities now include Special Collections, Museum Collaborations, and Publications.
- Cynthia Fugate – is now Associate Dean, filling in for Constantine and will lead Research and Instructional Services.
- Sarah Leadley – is now Acting Associate Dean of University Libraries and Acting Director, UW Bothell Library.
- Sherrilynne Fuller – has left her administrative responsibilities as Associate Dean of Libraries, Director of the Health Sciences Libraries, to focus on developing a grant portfolio on public health informatics in underdeveloped countries. She will serve as a special advisor to Betsy Wilson.
- Neil Rambo – is taking over for Fuller as the Acting Associate Dean and Director

Wilson noted that searches for Fugate's and Fuller's positions will begin in the spring.

- Goals and directions for 2008-2009

Interlibrary loan services will also undergo some changes. Wilson noted that she would like to collapse Health Science interlibrary services with the rest of the campus, and make it a no-fee service. The new subsidized/free service will be launched on July 1, 2009.

- Orbis Cascade Alliance

Wilson noted that the Orbis Cascade Summit will migrate to a new system in December.

- Fine Arts Library

Wilson reported that a goal of hers is to create a combined Fine Arts Library. The funding would need to be almost 100% private. There will be both site and funding feasibility studies done.

- Current budget situation

Wilson reported that in the past the University has made efforts to fund the UW Libraries, as evidenced by this year's \$750,000 request that was filled. She sees that as a vote of confidence, but also acknowledges that it is not possible to predict the next biennium. Wilson said that as they learn more they will work in creative ways to continue doing their work, or take steps to slow down or halt any current work. She noted that the Provost has all Deans and Chancellors to begin scenario planning. Council member Mark Kot inquired about library costs going up, as in the electronic database, UptoDate. Wilson replied that costs were held this year, and that the UW can afford one more year of the service. She noted that UptoDate was being purchased by a large publishing house. Wilson reviewed possible outcomes of a tight budget, but noted that the

library is in good shape to weather the budget shortfall given its solid strategic plan, robust assessment, and good fiscal management.

## **5. Report on Senate Executive Committee action on the proposed Scholarly Communication Committee and other SEC activities – Charles Wilkinson, Chair, FCUL**

Chair Wilkinson handed out an article on the University Of Oregon's initiative to protect the rights of faculty authors of scholarly publications. He noted the recent formation of the Scholarly Communication Committee, which has added Faculty Council on Research member Richard Wright. Wilkinson reported on the discussion of the Class C resolution at the recent SEC meeting. He noted that in the discussion some faculty members felt that the wording of the resolution was prejudiced in favor of an open access policy. The final vote supported the formation of the committee and recommended changes to the wording of the resolution. Wilkinson reported on a conversation with Music professor John Rahn, who as a journal editor felt that the journal wouldn't survive an open access policy. Wilkinson said he feels the need to hear from these editors, and editorial boards, and has asked the Secretary of the Faculty if he could poll the faculty on the issue.

Wilkinson then explained the Harvard open access model. He noted how the policy does not restrict who faculty authors can submit papers to, but encourages submission to open access. Wilkinson added that he sees the benefits of open access but needs to take in small publisher's views. From the discussion, there were several points made:

- Treat separately the issue of retention of faculty rights to their work, and an open access policy
- The threat of an open access policy could mean more losses of small journals in the humanities
- Open access does not mean there is no financial support for journals. It allows readers greater access and journals broader readership
- Consider two different models for open access: one for the arts/humanities, and one for the sciences

Wilkinson said that he would try to craft something to meet the needs of diverse academic areas, and would solicit feedback from editors and editorial board members among the UW faculty

Wilkinson handed out an article (Science, vol. 321) on Congressional considerations to overturn NIH mandates that require researchers to make their papers freely available on the website. The current policy requires authors to send their final peer-reviewed article to the PubMed Central archive within one year after publication. Wilkinson noted that this model is different than the

open access policy under UW consideration because author submission to the archive is simply part of the journal publishing process.

- Other SEC Activities

Wilkinson reported that the move to restructure the Faculty Senate is ongoing, and the proposed changes are currently being reviewed by the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs (FCFA). He noted that he had contacted FCFA chair, Jan Sjøvik, to express his concern about passing faculty senate voting privileges to librarians. Wilkinson noted that Sjøvik expressed his personal support for the idea.

## **6. Report from Libraries Development Office – Cyndi Asmus, Director of Libraries Development**

Cyndi Asmus, Director of Libraries Development spoke to council members about the success of the recently completed Campaign UW. She handed out a brochure on the University of Washington Libraries, Report to Contributors, 2006.-07. Asmus reported on the following facts and figures:

- The word “Advancement” will be added to the Libraries Development Office’s name.
- UW libraries surpassed its \$9 million goal and raised \$11,332,380, as part of the \$2.7 billion dollar Campaign UW total.
- Libraries’ priorities included support for collections and services, preservation, digital initiatives, community outreach, appraised gifts, and student and staff support.
- Approximately one-half of the funds are for current use, the other half is designated for endowments.
- Approximately \$2.4 million has, or will, come in the form of bequests (both revocable and irrevocable).
- Generous donors doubled the number of endowments from 30 to more than 70.
- The University Archivist is the first endowed position for the Libraries.
- Gifts come from many individuals, family foundations, parents, corporations, and other organizations.

Asmus was then asked about how she approaches donors. Her reply was that there is a mix of annual mailings, solicitation campaigns, and sponsored events, such as the Friends Annual Meeting Lectures. She noted that libraries staff also give generously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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