

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
FRIDAY, June 12, 2009, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Sand Point Shelving Facility  
Building 5D, Warren G. Magnuson Park

Chair Charles Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1. Approval of minutes of May 12 meeting**
  - 2. Libraries budget update (Lizabeth Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)**
  - 3. Report on the Google Book Search Settlement (Lizabeth Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)**
  - 4. Tour of the Sand Point Shelving Facility**
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Chair Charles Wilkinson welcomed everyone to the Sand Point Shelving Facility. He announced that Isabelle Bichindaritz has agreed to become the FCUL chair for next year.

**1. Tour of the Sand Point Shelving Facility**

Chair Charles Wilkinson began the meeting with the tour of the Sand Point Shelving Facility for those members who needed to leave early. He introduced Thom Deardorff, Coordinator for Access Services, University Libraries, who led the tour of the facility. Council members toured the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the shelving facility which holds surplus office furniture. Deardorff explained that the University has ownership of most of the building, and that it must follow a strict educational usage agreement. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor holds valuable collections not in use. He noted that there are approximately one million items in the shelving facility at Sand Point. Deardorff explained that requests for any of the materials at Sand Point are done through the catalogue system. They receive about 1,200 requests a month for materials and it takes the Libraries' retrieval services about 24 hours turn around for requested items. It was noted that if something circulates often enough it will be returned to the main campus Libraries. In areas with compact shelving they must conduct floor loading analyses because of the sheer volume of materials stored. Deardorff explained how they decide what materials get included in the archive. He noted that they base the decision on usage and the information that the subject librarians receive in consulting with affected departments.

**2. Approval of the minutes of May 12 meeting**

The minutes of May 12, 2009 were approved as submitted.

**3. Libraries budget update (Lizabeth Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)**

Betsy Wilson handed out copies of the University Libraries' Budget Briefing found on its public webpage. The briefing explains the current budget situation and the Libraries' plan for taking the imposed budget reductions. Wilson noted that there is a lot of interest in how different university libraries are faring. She briefly reviewed the effects of the Libraries' budget cuts to its materials budget, as well as the impact to the Libraries' personnel and student hourly budgets. Wilson explained the effects of losing 29 positions in the Libraries. She noted that there is a lot of implementation to do but they know now how they will take the cuts.

Mark Kot inquired about the Libraries' decision on the hours for Odegaard and Suzzallo libraries. Wilson explained that Odegaard Libraries' hours will be the same because of the heavy use it gets by students, about 1,000 students use it between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. daily. She noted the importance of protecting Odegaard Library as a study space because undergraduate residents are facing a marked increase in tuition that together with the huge consolidation of study spaces makes Odegaard a valuable student resource. Icing Song noted that students are happy to hear that the undergraduate library will remain open.

Wilkinson inquired about the University Libraries' cuts in relation to other libraries in the nation. Wilson explained that she recently heard that most cuts were in the 6-10% range while the highest cut was 20%, which places the Libraries' cut (12%) in the mid-high range. Katherine Thornton inquired about the reference to an integrated single call number. Deardorff explained that the current plan is to integrate the print collections in Suzzallo and Allen Libraries into one number run, A-Z. He described the process as very complicated, and one that could take a year to complete. It was noted that the children's collection and the periodicals will also be integrated with books. The idea behind call number integration is that it will be easier to find items and more cost effective to maintain the collection.

Wilson briefly spoke about the Libraries' nascent idea to create research commons spaces. She described it as an area that would provide various types of electronic research services to faculty and students. Kot inquired about the possibility of pursuing the fine arts library. Wilson noted that they will go forward with it, and that fundraising for a fine arts library is very critical. She also noted the need to renovate the worn out undergraduate library that has been used by over 10,000 people a day for years.

### **3. Report on the Google Book Search Settlement (Lizbeth Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)**

Wilson spoke about the Google book settlement, a very long and complicated document. She explained that for the last five years Google has been working with several large research libraries doing wholesale scanning of book collections. Wilson noted that they were scanning everything which included out-of-copyright, public domain, and in-copyright materials. The publishers were not happy about it because they saw it as an infringement on their rights to those books. The settlement is between Google and the book publishers, and does not involve the libraries. Deardorff noted that the Department of Justice is doing some investigation into anti-monopoly and anti-trust issues. Libraries are very interested in the settlement because of the provision that would allow access to scanned books in libraries for the general public. Deardorff explained that libraries would be given kiosks from which the public could access the scanned works, and a certain formula would be used to determine the number of kiosks.

Wilson explained that the settlement is giving Google the right to “orphan works,” those copyrighted materials in which the copyright owners or their heirs cannot be tracked. She noted that the library community is concerned because it is basically making new public policy by a settlement that violates basic copyright laws. Thornton noted that the orphan works make up a large percentage of the scanned materials. Deardorff explained that the settlement involves the Author’s Guild which does not include many university presses. A pressing question is how Google can make an agreement to sign off on something as sizable as “orphan works” when they don’t represent everyone with copyright interests.

Wilson also spoke of the development by Google of a Book Rights Registry that will keep track of rights and copyrights. A concern is that the registry is held by Google and the publishers, giving them concentrated power and authority. She noted that there have been some briefs written that call for the book registry to be held by a third party with no interest in the economic outcome. Wilson identified as key issues of the library community access to the collection (the haves and have-nots), equitable treatment, the terms of use (very prescriptive) privacy issues, and intellectual freedom issues (there is no guarantee that Google will keep available all materials in the collection).

Wilson presented Wilkinson with a gift bag and thanked him for his amazing leadership on the council this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

*Minutes by Melissa Kane, Faculty Senate, mmkane@u.washington.edu*

**Present:**   **Faculty:**   Diment, Kot, MacLachlan, Wilkinson, Bichindaritz  
                  **President’s Designee:**   Wilson  
                  **Ex Officio Reps:**       Song, Thornton, Barker  
                  **Regularly Invited Guests:**   Chamberlin  
**Absent:**   **Faculty:**   Laird, Retman, Cooper, Mitchell, Seaburg  
                  **Ex Officio Reps:**   Banerjee