

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Faculty Council on University Libraries met at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, **May 25, 2006**, in the East Asia Library. Chair Beth Kerr presided over the meeting.

Synopsis

1. Approval of the minutes of April 25, 2006.
2. East Asia Library overview (Paula Walker, Interim Head, East Asia Library)
3. An update on the Lieberman/Cronyn Bill concerning Public Access to Federally Funded Research. (Betsy Wilson)
4. Institute on Scholarly Communication. What are the highest priority strategies for the Library at this point in time? (Beth Kerr)
5. Recruiting new council members (Beth Kerr)

1. Approval of minutes

The minutes of April 25, 2006 were approved as written.

2. East Asia Library overview - (Paula Walker, Interim Head, East Asia Library)

Collections:

The East Asia Library supports teaching and research activities on East Asian studies at the University of Washington. The EAL has material in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, as well as some materials in Western languages covering all areas of the humanities and social sciences. The library also has materials in Tibetan, collected during the years when there was a Tibetan program at the UW. While the library doesn't collect in the natural or applied sciences, it acquires titles in those areas that relate to the historical and cultural traditions of East Asia.

Approximate size of the collection is 510,000 volumes, with 253,000 in Chinese, 133,000 in Japanese, 84,000 in Korean, and the rest in non-CJK languages (30,000)

The primary funding comes from the state-supported Libraries collections budget. Endowment funding and grants support varies by year but allows us to purchase materials that The Libraries could not otherwise afford.

Walker touched on the history of the East Asia Library. The year 1909 marks the establishment of the Department of Oriental Subjects at the University of Washington, under the newly appointed Chair, Herbert Gowen. During these early years, Gowen built a small collection of materials through small donations and personal acquisitions. The real history of what is now the East Asia Library doesn't begin until 1937, with the receipt of a grant of \$4,200 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the purchase of Chinese language materials for the Department of Oriental Subjects. The next year, 1938, this collection was bolstered by a donation of over 2,000 volumes of Chinese materials from Columbia University. By 1940, the holdings had increased to 20,800 volumes, and these were stored until 1945 in the Suzzallo Library in a space called the "Oriental Seminar Room". These materials were not cataloged, and they were only available to faculty and students by request.

In the early 1940s, the Far Eastern Institute was established, under George Taylor, and the materials in the oriental Seminar Room became the Far Eastern Library. Dr. Ruth Krader was appointed as the first curator of this library in 1947, and she served in this position until her retirement in 1968. Thanks to more funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, more materials were acquired, including Japanese materials and Korean titles during and immediately after WWII. In 1950, the Far Eastern Library moved to the basement of Thomson Hall. In 1951, a Rockefeller Foundation grant enabled the library to purchase Japanese materials on China. In the

mid 1950s, the University was able to help the library purchase the Joseph Rock collection and the Herbert Gowen collection. During the 1960s, other collections were purchased and other gifts were received, and the library received a regular collection acquisitions budget. Tibetan materials were also acquired as part of an ongoing effort to maintain the University's status as a Rockefeller Center for Tibetan Research.

Karl Lo became Head of the library in 1968 and served in this position until 1990. Under his leadership, the EAL saw immense growth and expansion.

In the mid 1970s, the library moved to its current location in Gowen Hall, and at that time it was renamed the East Asia Library. The Gowen Hall space originally housed the Law Library, and the grand reading room ceiling reflects that legal heritage.

The 1990s also saw growth for the EAL under the direction of Min-chih Chou, who served as the Head until 2003. Between 2003 and 2006, the library functioned under Paula Walker, interim head. In September 2006, a new Director of the East Asia Library will arrive, Dr. Zhijia Shen.

Space constraints have been a continual problem during the life of the library. Even with the move to the larger quarters in Gowen Hall in the mid 1970s, the collections soon outgrew the space. The Libraries acquired various other spaces to augment the library stacks space. For example, a separate room on the Ground Floor of Gowen Hall, outside the library, now houses the bound periodicals. Because of this location, our bound periodicals are in closed stacks, and The Libraries retrieve from them for our users. For a while, The Libraries housed 30,000 volumes in the sub-basement of the Allen Library, until 2003, when the Suzzallo Renovation Project was completed. At that point, the East Asia Library became the sole occupant of the Kane Hall Auxiliary Stacks, in the basement level of Kane Hall. This large stacks space, originally built in 1988 as general library storage space, is equipped with compact shelving, has a capacity of 500,000 volumes, and will give a minimum 10 years of growth space. Between 2003 and 2006, the Libraries have slowly moved collections into that space, using it for materials that are not used as often as the materials that are kept in Gowen Hall.

Special Projects

Starting in 2000, the EAL embarked on a large project called the Pinyin project. This involved converting the catalog records of all of our Chinese material (monographs and serials) from the Wade-Giles Romanization to the Pinyin Romanization. East Asia Libraries all over the U.S. participated in this project, mandated by a decision by the Library of Congress to make this change. But the Libraries broadened the project to include a retrospective conversion project for our serials. The reason for this is that the EAL serials had not included Library of Congress cataloging and classification, and they had been shelved by title (by their Wade-Giles title in the case of the Chinese serials). The project began in 2000 and the serials portion has just now been completed. This means that now all of our serials have call numbers, and they are shelved by their call numbers. They have full cataloging and proper check-in records so that the Libraries can tell our users exactly which issues of the journal the Libraries have. The Pinyin project monographs are done except for our "precat" Chinese materials. The precats are books that have been acquired for the collection but not yet cataloged. Instead, they have been given an accession number and a brief record and a barcode. They are shelved by their accession number on Floor 1 of Gowen. Eventually the Libraries need to catalog them, but in the meantime, they are available to users and can be checked out. Most of the Chinese precats still need to be converted to Pinyin from Wade Giles.

Chiu Project:

Walker mentioned the precats as a body of un-catalogued books that the Libraries need to work on. The Libraries also had another body of material – about 18,000 titles and 35,000 volumes – called the Chiu collection. These were older books, important classics, which were catalogued under the old Harvard Yenching classification system, in all three languages, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. The records for these books were

only in the card catalog, so as the years went by, no one used them because fewer students and faculty knew how to use the card catalog. Also, the Libraries couldn't check them out online but instead had to check them out manually, thus resulting in less control over their return. In 2004 the East Asia Library was given Allen Endowment money to fund a retrospective conversion of the Chiu collection, using OCLC for outsourced cataloging. The project required a complete inventory and barcoding of the collection, matching the existing shelf list cards to the items, and then placing a duplicate barcode on the shelf list cards. The Libraries sent the shelf list cards to OCLC. OCLC matched the cards to existing records, and in some cases, they provided original cataloging. At the end, OCLC loaded the records into our online catalog and returned the shelf list cards to the Libraries, with an attached spine label for each book. The East Asia Library staff put the new LC spine label on each book, and then re-shelved the books in our LC call number shelves and moved the Chiu collection to Kane Hall early in the project, leaving only nine Chinese sets that the faculty wanted to retain in Gowen. At this point, practically all of the Chiu books are completed and in LC stacks; only a few problem records remain to be resolved. The result of this project is that these books are being used, not only by our own faculty and students, but also by Summit users and for ILL requests.

Kane Hall Project

Once the East Asia Library was able to have all of the Kane Hall stacks, the Libraries planned the layout of the call numbers and how the libraries would use this space. The libraries also needed to provide access to the stacks for faculty and students on a scheduled basis. The space was originally built as storage, as non-public stacks, so the Libraries had to make some changes. The area is now staffed 3 hours a day, Monday through Friday, and there is a doorbell that people can ring during those hours. Staff lets a patron in and assists them in finding the material they need and checks it out to them. The libraries now have over 150,000 volumes in the Kane stacks. The stacks are organized in one long LC call number run, with serials and monographs inter-shelved. The Libraries have a separate folio area for large sized material.

The libraries are still shifting the collections into this space.

An update on the Lieberman/Cronyn bill concerning Public Access to Federally Funded Research. (Betsy Wilson)

Wilson distributed a handout from Washingtonpost.com (Bill Seeks Access to Tax-Funded Research) by Rick Weiss, May 3, 2006 that describes a bill that says grant recipients would be required to post findings in a repository accessible on the Internet and taxpayers should have free access to the results of federally financed research.

This new bill is in the Senate and should soon be introduced in the House. Wilson noted that SPARC is in favor of this Bill. Wilson asked the council members what the Libraries might do to make it easier for faculty to submit publications to repositories. What kind of supportive things need to happen?

Wilson will keep FCUL updated, especially if the bill is introduced to the House.

Institute on Scholarly Communication. What are the highest priority strategies for the library at this point in time? (Beth Kerr)

Kerr asked members what are the highest priority strategies for the Libraries to use to promote/start new forms of Scholarly Communication. Mel DeSart, Tim Jewell and Kerr are going to the Institute of Scholarly Communication at UCLA this summer and will draft a preliminary plan for the UW. Kerr mentioned that it will be important to get faculty as well as librarians involved with this initiative. Kerr asked the committee for ideas. Ideas included:

-Online peer reviewed (open access) journals often have page costs for authors– could the UW cover page costs for researchers?

- Offer summer salary support for faculty members working to establish an alternative form of scholarly communication (competitive initiative)
- Find ways to involve post docs and grad students – bring people onboard early in their careers
- Find ways to bring research scientists into the process

The purpose of scholarly communication is to get broadest access to discovery and knowledge.

Next meeting

The next FCUL meeting will be scheduled in Autumn Quarter 2006. Linda Ambre, Recorder.

- PRESENT:** *Professors* Beth Kerr (chair), Charles Wilkinson,
Ex officio members, Laurel Sercombe, Betsy Wilson, Larry Bliquez
Representatives: Jessica Albano
Guest: Paula Walker
- ABSENT:** *Professors:* Robert Goodkin, Stuart Sutton, Gregory Korshin,
Ex officio members: John Evans
Guests: Charles Chamberlin

- EXCUSED ABSENCE: Professors:** Aurel Bulgac, George Martin
Ex officio member: Theresa Barker

Handouts:

- East Asia Library material
- Washington Post article
- SPARC article