

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

The Faculty Council on University Libraries met at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, **May 17, 2004**, in The Petersen Room of Allen Library. Chair Seelye Martin presided over the meeting

PRESENT: **Professors** Martin (chair), Kerr, Lavelly and Wilkinson;
 Ex officio members Ogburn, Sercombe and Wilson;
 Guest Cyndi Asmus, Director of Development for University Libraries.

ABSENT: **Professors** Brown (on sabbatical), Bulgac, Moy, Schepp and Sutton;
 Ex officio members Fuller, Ullman and Zabel;
 Regular guest Charles Chamberlin, Deputy Director of Libraries.

Synopsis

1. Approval of the minutes of April 12, 2004.
2. Libraries Budget Update – Betsy Wilson.
3. Libraries Capital Campaign – Guest: Cyndi Asmus, Director of Development for the Libraries.
4. Follow-up to the Senate Meeting – Joyce Ogburn.
5. Preparations for the New President – Betsy Wilson.
6. Election of FCUL chair for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of April 12, 2004 were approved as written.

Libraries Budget Update – Betsy Wilson

Wilson said the provost informed her that the University’s straw budget anticipates enough money being available to the Libraries to stave off serials cancellation for the coming academic year. Some resources funding may be available as well, supporting research for the Libraries. Funding also has been approved for the Forest Resources Library Merger, Wilson noted.

Libraries Capital Campaign – Guest: Cyndi Asmus, Director of Development for the Libraries

Cyndi Asmus, Director of Development for the Libraries, distributed a chart breaking down the “University Libraries Campaign Priorities – Updated 4/09/04” and a draft of the “Libraries Companion Endowments for Centers, Chairs and Professorships.”

Asmus reported to the council that the University is in the middle of an eight-year [2000-2008], two-billion dollar campaign to raise money for endowments, programs, and capital projects such as the Business School Building. William H. Gates, Sr. is the chair of UW Campaign Committee. Each unit has a campaign committee, including the Libraries. The University campaign will “become public” on October 15, 2004. There will be an all-day event at the Dempsey Center, behind the Bank of America Pavilion. 7,000 people are expected to attend.

Asmus said the Libraries’ campaign goal, if achieved, would amount to \$9 million in funding for students (\$500,000), librarians and staff (\$2.25 million), and programs (\$6,250,000). Joe McKinstry, husband of Jill McKinstry, Head, Odegaard Undergraduate Library, will lead the Libraries Campaign Committee. Asmus said, “The purpose of the work of the committee is to raise major gifts for the Libraries. We’re focusing on students, librarians and staff, and programs.”

Among the Libraries Campaign priorities are:

- a Student/Employee Scholarship endowment of \$200,000, to endow a student/employee scholarship providing ten annual \$1,000 scholarships;
- a Student Scholarship (current use) of \$40,000, to enhance student employee scholarship amounts;
- a Graduate Student Scholarship of \$160,000 to endow the diversity graduate scholarship to cover tuition;
- a Research fellowship endowment of \$100,000 to support an undergraduate/graduate student in a Libraries Research Program;
- a \$1million fund for the Director of Libraries and \$500,000 for two staff positions [@ \$250,000 each] to use in recruiting and retaining top librarians and staff. This would provide funds for collections in areas of expertise, student assistants, travel, salary enhancement. Etc.;
- a \$250,000 addition to the Helen Johns Endowment, for professional and staff training, staff retention, librarian exchange programs (national and international), and meeting current staff needs;
- a \$500,000 Public Service Endowment for the implementation of the “Any time, Any place Library,” and for continued excellence in public services;
- a \$2 million Collections Endowment, to maintain traditionally strong collections, acquire materials in emerging areas of teaching and research, strengthen access to electronic, digital and other non-print resources. Companion/integrated endowments;
- a \$500,000 Collections (current use) for Friends gifts, the 21st Century Fund, Remember with Books, and Libraries Special Fund;
- a \$1 million Preservation endowment, to conserve materials with artifactual value, treat endangered materials to prevent further damage, install and maintain environmental controls to slow deterioration, including digital preservation. And use to leverage other monies (e.g. NEH);
- a \$2 million 21st Century Library: Digital Initiatives/Information Literacy, to maintain UW Library as world leader I digital scholarship, digital collections, information literacy of faculty/student/staff;
- a \$250,000 addition to current Blom and Hauberg Endowments, and others, for lectures, events, relating to community outreach (current use);
- a \$500,000 fund for appraised non-cash gifts (rare books, maps, photos, manuscripts, etc.), to acquire unique and valuable collections for research and teaching.

Asmus said the Libraries is seeking a donor to name The Reading Room in Suzzallo Library. (That name will come with a \$5 million donation.)

As for the Libraries Companion Endowments, “University research libraries are judged by faculty and students by the depth and breadth of their collections. Excellent collections are required to provide rich library materials for academic scholarship that meets the research needs of prominent endowed faculty. The University of Washington has long recognized the value its award-winning library system brings to students, faculty and citizen scholars. Libraries Companion Endowments can help ensure that this excellence continues.”

“The purpose of the Libraries Companion Endowment is to guarantee the perpetual development of outstanding library collections that support research and scholarly work at the University of Washington. Faculty and students will be most successful in producing the highest quality research and education if they are supported by exceptional resources that are the foundation of their scholarly endeavor. A library endowment is central to an endowed center, chair, or professorship because it creates a reliable and rich resource infrastructure.”

“We have 41 endowments at University Libraries now,” said Asmus, “and we would like to increase that number, to help with the Libraries’ collections.” She added that “every subject area librarian would love to have an endowment for their area.” Asked how much the minimum dollar amount is for an endowment, Wilson answered: “The minimum needed for an endowment is \$25,000.” Wilson said deans will be asked to look at, and to consider, Companion Endowments.

With respect to the two funding options mentioned on page two of the “Libraries Companion Endowments for Center, Chairs and Professorships” [“Commit a minimum of 10% of endowment payout for Libraries resources related to the center, chair, or professorship.”], Martin said, “It’s a great idea.” Lavelly asked, “Could it look like a tax? You could put in some language to clarify its intent.” Asmus said, “We hope to have this done by the end of May. Does the 10% help?” Kerr said, “I’d hate to see it required. If it supported a lab or a graduate student, that might be better. The 10% makes more sense with a larger proposal.” Asmus said, “It would be a big boost to Health Sciences. Sherrilynne Fuller [Director, Health Sciences Libraries] has seen it and likes it.”

Follow-up to the Senate Meeting – Joyce Ogburn

Ogburn said Martha Tucker, Librarian in the Mathematics Research Library, was contacted after the Senate meeting to talk with the Applied Mathematics faculty. On May 25th they will be leading a forum for their department on scholarly communication issues. Bruce Ransom of Neurology is also keen to help the Libraries. Ransom has been an editor of an Elsevier journal, and knows these issues well. Ogburn and Nancy Huling will also visit the Information School in June. Martin said, “I talked with the chemical oceanographers, and they were very concerned about the issue of maintaining their copyright. The graduate students were also concerned about the issue of finding faculty jobs if they could not publish in certain Elsevier journals.” Ogburn said, “We cosponsored a publishing workshop with the University of Washington Press which was well attended by graduate students. We used this opportunity to educate them about scholarly communication issues. I’ll talk to the staff of the Press as well. There’s a lot going on now.”

Preparations for the New President – Betsy Wilson

Wilson said President-elect Mark Emmert commences his presidency on July 12th. He will be visiting all units in every college and school, and will make, at the least, a half-day visit to the Libraries. It may well be an all-day visit. The Libraries orientation will most likely occur in the summer.

Wilson said President Emmert is said to have “a good handle on library issues, and on digital scholarly communication.” She said he also is known to be a particularly “verbal person.” He might therefore be congenial to a discussion with the council at a meeting in Autumn Quarter.

Asked what Libraries issues Wilson (and later the council) could bring up with President Emmert, Wilkinson suggested “bundling issues,” and Kerr suggested “a discussion about the way we get articles, and a discussion about data bases, the Web page, and the like.” Lavelly said, “You’ll want to discuss the Libraries’ needs and priorities too, as well as all the good news.”

FCUL Chair for the 2004-2005 Academic Year –Seelye Martin

2003-2004 FCUL Chair Seelye Martin was nominated for a second term for the 2004-2005 academic year. The council unanimously approved the nomination.

Next meeting

This was the final FCUL meeting of the 2003-2004 academic year. The first council meeting of the 2004-2005 academic year will take place in October of Autumn Quarter 2004.

Brian Taylor
Recorder