

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
FRIDAY, May 9, 2008, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
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Chair Charles Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of minutes of meeting April 11, 2008
2. Discussion of preparation of a resolution in support of open access publishing and selection of a subcommittee to work with individuals from the Faculty Council on Research.
3. Discussion of the performance of Dean of Libraries Lizabeth Wilson to aid in the mandated evaluation being conducted by the Advisory Review Committee on the Dean of University Libraries.

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Chair Wilkinson welcomed GPSS representative Katherine Thornton and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Wilkinson also asked to amend the agenda to include an update by Council Guest Charles Chamberlin on the DataNet program visit and the Libraries budget.

**1. Approval of minutes of meeting April 11, 2008**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. Update on Libraries**

Charles Chamberlin reported that 12 people from the National Science Foundation for Digital Data will visit the campus today. The University of Washington is one of three groups being considered for an award of up to 20 million dollars over five years. He noted that the Libraries will be notified sometime in June about the funding decision.

Chamberlin reported that the Provost has given the libraries additional money for the fiscal '09 budget. They were given \$780, 000 for inflationary purposes to cover the UW Libraries and the Law Library. Chamberlin was pleased to announce that the Libraries will not need to initiate a serials review. He did note that the proposed capital budget could potentially change.

Another good piece of news was the report that the administrators of the electronic database "UpToDate," have rethought their business plan and will not pursue their change in fee structure. Chamberlin reported that they are 98% certain that the Libraries will be able to continue to afford the web service. They are hoping for a five year agreement because they see it as a critical resource. He noted the importance of faculty members who contributed to this effort.

Chair Wilkinson added an informational item. He reported that the proposal to reorganize the Faculty Senate has generated controversy and that some changes have been made to the proposal. Council member Galya Diment stated that she recently was working in the special collection at Washington State University Library and spoke with the librarian in charge there. Librarians are faculty, not professional staff at WSU, and she wondered if information can be gathered and presented to the Council as to how it's organized there and how it works. Chamberlin volunteered to pursue it and noted that he has not received sufficient feedback from Libraries staff to see if this is something that they would be interested in seeing implemented here.

### **3. Discussion of preparation of a resolution in support of open access publishing and selection of a subcommittee to work with individuals from the Faculty Council on Research.**

Chair Wilkinson reported that the Office of Research has created a position statement in support of open access publishing and discussed the preparation of a Faculty Senate resolution. He spoke with the Chair of the Faculty Council on Research, Catherine Booth-LaForce about the issue of open access and she invited him to present his ideas to the council. They made an agreement in principle to form a joint subcommittee with FCUL to generate a draft resolution. FCR would like two members from FCUL on the subcommittee. Mark Haselkorn will be on the subcommittee and will head the FCR next fall. Wilkinson noted that the initial goal of the subcommittee will be to show support for open access.

Wilkinson handed out the Office of Research Statement of Position dated April 27, 2008. He reviewed the key points, namely the importance of access for researchers, the ability to share research findings worldwide, and the risk to broad dissemination of research by the journal pricing policies of a few commercial publishers. He noted that one question is whether the UW should adopt a strong policy like that of Harvard's two-part mandate:

1. It requires faculty to send an electronic copy of their scholarly articles to a university digital repository
2. It creates an automatic license agreement that faculty must sign

Wilkinson handed out a Science Commons White Paper by the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) on what faculty can do to ensure that their work is available through open access at their institution. He explained Harvard's policy and reviewed the key points in the paper. He explained the three general types of licensing agreements: broad, intermediate, and narrow.

Wilkinson gave council members a draft copy of a University of California system-wide open access policy proposal. The draft included feedback summarized from the UC campuses. Wilkinson pointed out how an open access policy would help faculty in the Humanities who would stand to benefit from

reduced journal costs that would allow the Libraries to spend more money on monographs. He noted that it would take a lot of time and effort to get the mandatory license agreement passed. A first step is a resolution in support of the principle of open access. Council member Mark Kot inquired if it would require a change in the faculty handbook. Wilkinson responded by noting that an author does not give up his copyright, and it is a non-exclusive agreement. Council members discussed the current "D Space" access at the UW and its difficulty in use, such as having to establish a community, like a department, in order to deposit publications.

Wilkinson asked the council if the idea of drafting a resolution in support of open access made sense now. A motion was made in support of the creation of a subcommittee to work in cooperation with the research panel to draft a resolution in support of an open access policy at UW. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously. Council members Charles Wilkinson, Mark Kot, and Katherine Thornton volunteered to sit on the joint subcommittee. Wilkinson noted that the resolution would be drafted and sent to the Senate Executive Committee in the fall.

The Chair then asked the council what components they thought should go in the resolution. A discussion began about the issue of mandatory repository and why it was necessary. The large failure rate of volunteer programs makes it necessary for it being mandatory. Other concerns related to its effect upon faculty in the Humanities who need book publications to get promotion. It was felt that it would become more difficult to secure book deals because the books would be less salable with open access. Council members stated that promotion and tenure is an important issue that needs to be addressed. Talk centered on the state of decline in academic monograph publishing. It was pointed out that the source of the problem has been overpriced journals. Thornton volunteered to seek information about how monograph access is being approached in the UC open access policy proposal.

Council member Kot asked for clarification on the charge of the proposed subcommittee. Wilkinson explained that he considered that it should be a two step process. The first step should involve exposing faculty to open access policies because many are still unfamiliar with them, and to generate a resolution in favor of the concept. Then, if support can be generated, the subcommittee would pursue the development of a mandatory open access policy along the lines of the Harvard model. The subcommittee would be working at the same time to get support for it from the administration and the Libraries. Wilkinson noted that it will be a long process because it requires a workable repository and an infrastructure to help faculty to deposit their articles and books.

#### **4. Discussion of the performance of Dean of Libraries Lizabeth Wilson to aid in the mandated evaluation being conducted by the Advisory Review Committee on the Dean of University Libraries.**

