

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010  
5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, SUZZALLO LIBRARY

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 26, 2010
2. Budget Update (Betsy Wilson, Dean, University Libraries)
3. Foster Business Library Renovation (Gordon Aamot, Head, Foster Business Library)
4. FCUL Membership Update (Isabelle Bichindaritz, Chair, Faculty council on University Libraries)
5. Librarians Membership in the Faculty Senate (John Vallier, Head, Distributed Media Services, Libraries Media Center, Odegaard Undergraduate Library)
6. Open Access Working Group Report (Ann Lally, Head, Digital Initiatives, Libraries, Isabelle Bichindaritz, FCUL Chair, Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication, Joyce Cooper, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering)
7. Adjournment

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bichindaritz at 3:35 P.M.

**Approval of the minutes from the February 26, 2010 meeting**

The minutes of the February 26, 2010 meeting were approved.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**1. Budget Update (Betsy Wilson, Dean, University Libraries)**

Dean Wilson noted that fiscal year budget will go to the Regents as an information item next week and taken for final approval in June. The three campuses will be allocated budget cuts, with Seattle libraries receiving a 5% cut. To mitigate this cut, new revenue will be allocated based on a soft rollout of the Activities-Based Budgeting (ABB) program. The biggest new incremental revenue is a tuition increase, which will total \$40 million, of which 30% will be held back for mitigation of academic cuts and related services. Libraries will be eligible for some indirect cost recovery money, but it is not known how much of the 5% cut will be restored through these measures. Hopefully the library will not have to launch their serials cancellation project. Certain changes are already taking place, with the Social Work library closing and consolidation taking place in Suzzallo. Cuts to hours

of opening and the like will be considered if necessary. A voluntary retirement incentive for librarians has been proposed, and if a very deep cut happens they may need to move to layoffs. She reminded all to fill out the faculty survey for continued documentation on the effects of these cuts.

She also brought up the UW Information Technology tax that is being leveled on a head count basis. It will run \$140,000 a year for the libraries, representing a 0.75% cut, and they need to find a way to handle that. This point led to a brief council discussion about the tax; its purpose, origins, and method of implementation.

## **2. Foster Business Library Renovation (Gordon Aamot, Head, Foster Business Library)**

Aamot provided an update on the Foster Business Library renovation. There are two phases of Business School construction, Paccar Hall and the Balmer replacement project. The library occupies space in the Balmer basement and Bank of America Education Center, and so it is between the two construction projects. The major highlights of the renovation include a reorientation of the library so that the main entrance is through Paccar at the Mezzanine level, new group study rooms, and power and data plugs at each study desk. The library will go through some changes in service due to construction, including closing at the beginning and end of construction projects, temporary access through Balmer hall, a reduction of on-site services, and the temporary relocation of some stacks to either Kane or Suzzallo-Allen. As it is a business school project, UW Libraries will not bear the costs.

## **3. FCUL Membership Update (Isabelle Bichindaritz, Chair, Faculty council on University Libraries)**

Chair Bichindaritz explained the process of nominations for members of FCUL and noted that it will be changing with set faculty groups having been eliminated as part of the Senate restructure. In light of this, it would be useful to have a recommendation on how nominations should occur. She presented draft guidelines for the process.

The council discussed the Senate restructure, how to ensure broad, diverse representation, and who should make nominations. One suggestion was including the phrase “Efforts should be made to solicit nominees from each school, college, and campus.” The changes to the guidelines will be made and placed in the council’s files.

## **4. Librarians Membership in the Faculty Senate (John Vallier, Head, Distributed Media Services, Libraries Media Center, Odegaard Undergraduate Library)**

Vallier noted that the idea of librarians getting Faculty Senate voting rights originally came from FCUL in 2008. In a survey, 88% of librarians voted in favor of pursuing the idea. In January, the case was presented to the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs. Although the FCFA was warm to the idea of librarians becoming faculty members and obtaining voting rights that way, Senate membership without becoming faculty members got a lukewarm reception. Because the Senate is essentially the bargaining unit for faculty salary policy, having librarians voting without being faculty didn’t seem appropriate to FCFA. The decision now would seem to come down to whether librarians choose to become faculty members, and thoughts on the matter seem mixed.

The council had a brief discussion on the issue, with members commenting on the way library personnel have a parallel type of structure to faculty with tenure, adjudication, and the like. Another point made was that in previous budget cuts, libraries were viewed as being on the administrative side of things, rather than faculty.

**5. Open Access Working Group Report (Ann Lally, Head, Digital Initiatives, Libraries, Isabelle Bichindaritz, FCUL Chair, Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication, Joyce Cooper, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering) (20 min)**

Bichindaritz gave a presentation to update the council on the work of the Open Access Working Group update (presentation attached). The council briefly discussed some logistics for the system.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

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**Attendance:** Record not available.