

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010
PETERSON ROOM, ALLEN LIBRARY

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Budget Update (Betsy Wilson, Dean, University Libraries)
2. Libraries Budget Analysis and ARL Comparative Data (Steve Hiller, Director of Assessment and Planning, Libraries)
3. HUB Closure and Libraries Response (Charles Chamberlin, Senior Associate Dean of University Libraries, Libraries)
4. FCUL Membership (Isabelle Bichindaritz, FCUL Chair)
5. Open Access Working Group (Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication, Isabelle Bichindaritz, FCUL Chair, Joyce Cooper, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Ann Lally, Head, Digital Initiatives, Libraries)
6. Adjournment

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 NOT approved.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

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

Dean Wilson presented to the Council on where the budget process is for the Libraries. The legislative session had just wrapped up and she shared information on the cuts and tuition increases. She also shared the Provost Budget meeting process and what Libraries presented on April 1. She summarized the situation for this biennium as having fallen beyond a cliff, which did not happen in one year and will likely not be recovered in one year. They are preparing for a 5% cut with possible backfill from new tuition revenue. There was also discussion about how next year will likely be worse unless there is a federal stimulus for higher education. The Dean also shared how Activity Based Budgeting may affect the Libraries.

2. Libraries Budget Analysis and ARL Comparative Data (Steve Hiller, Director of Assessment and Planning, Libraries)

Steve Hiller, Director of Assessment and Planning for the Libraries, presented on how the University Libraries budget compares to its peers in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). A handout was distributed, and he also presented a PowerPoint presentation. There is a concern that the Libraries are beyond bedrock in their budgets and what additional cuts may cause. The Libraries took large cuts which lead to cutting 30 positions, 7,000 monographs, and access to 2,700 journals. The 12% cut was one of the largest for research libraries. There was concern expressed how these short term cuts may affect things in the long term. The Libraries also reported an 11.5% increase of use and expect more with the closure of the HUB. Hiller also gave a background on the ARL. A second handout was distributed titled "Funding Strategies."

