

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., April 11, 2012
Suzzallo 5th Floor Conference Room East

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2012 and notes from March 14, 2012 meeting
- 3) Update from the Dean of Libraries
- 4) Update on the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence
- 5) Adjournment

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joyce Cooper at 2:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2012 and notes from March 14, 2012 meeting

Minutes from the February 15th 2012 and notes from the March 14, 2012 meetings were postponed due to a lack of quorum.

3. Update from the Dean of Libraries

Dean of Libraries Betsy Wilson provided updates to the Council. Tim Jewell was selected as the Distinguished Librarian Award winner. She informed that the University Awards will take place at 3:30 p.m. on June 7th in Meany Hall and discussed the different awards which will be presented there.

Wilson was elected as the Board of Governors of the Hathi Trust, where she will serve for 5 years. She noted the next meeting would take place in May. A lawsuit by the Authors Guild was noted to be open currently against the Trust. A new collaboration between 40 universities is the Digital Preservation Network (DPN), established to preserve, conserve data and make it accessible. There are some proposals to the National Science Foundation; the UW will be collaborating with this network. UW President Michael Young was excited with this collaboration. UW Libraries will be the lead, and Wilson noted that lessons were learned from the Data.net approach, thus DPN will have a sustainable structure, with an institutional framework. She will provide further information when available to the Council.

At a Deans and Chancellors retreat, Pamela Mitchell, the new Dean of Nursing, led planning discussion regarding a campaign towards data storage. Harry Bruce at the Information School and Wilson were requested to lead a planning initiative on storage and preservation of “big” data, the long-term management of such data. Ellen Barker shared her experience of participating in organizing the first Capital Campaign in 1989. Successful grants and private gifts: The National Endowment of the Humanities will be awarding a gift of \$200,000 to preserve films of mountaineering in the West. Intercollegiate Athletics film collection has films between 1926 and the 1970s. Conditions of these films

are varied, and Anne and Wayne Gittinger provided \$250,000 to match contributions towards these films by the end of the year. Goals are to inventory, restore and digitize these films. Organizations such as UW Crew, and individuals such as Norm Dicks, and others, have volunteered to support fundraising for these films. The Mellon Foundation is interested in providing \$1 million matching funds to endow a senior conservator at UW, if Libraries can raise \$1 million. Few conservators were noted to exist in the region. Libraries will pursue this and will have three years to raise the matching funds.

The prior day, Wilson noted, there were short discussions on sustainability by Graduate Students held in the Research Commons. This goal was to stimulate cross-disciplinary collaboration and prepare the students to present at conferences. These "lightning rounds" are a partnership with the Graduate School.

Odegaard is beginning to get ready for renovation during the summer, and an email notification will be sent shortly. Discussion followed on strategies to absorb the students, staff and services that will be displaced by the renovation, extending services in Suzzallo Library and expand study areas during the next academic year. Students expressed concern about having access to resources during mid-terms and finals during fall 2012. The HUB was noted to be a potential to absorb some student demand for study areas.

Wilson informed the Council of a compromise within the State budget; basically there will be no new significant cuts to higher education. To offset these costs there will be changes in employee benefits, and mandates for UW to internally fund areas such to add students to the WWAMI program, and redirect more funding to the School of Engineering. Additionally, UW was mandated by Washington State Legislature to conduct a study on its tuition waiver policy for graduate students. Limitations have also been set on Intercollegiate Athletic expenditures, mandating that no general state funds may be used on athletic programs, which does not impact UW. In regards to capital funding, UW Bothell obtained funding for a new building, additional funding was provided for Anderson Hall, and a clean-water initiative for UW Tacoma. Questions arose whether the Legislature can dictate the discretionary funding for the University. The Library submitted its budget scenario in February, and a budget hearing will take place this week. A multi-year reinvestment on restoration of funding will be presented, consisting of five elements:

- Though Libraries received \$2 million in temporary funding for material, which Libraries will seek to extend, additionally seek \$500,000 for price increases
- Ongoing Library capital needs such as the completion of Odegaard, refurbishing of Engineering Library, continuing renovation for Health Sciences, East Asia Library refurbishment, and consolidated Fine Arts Library
- Need to hire additional librarians and staff as enrollments have increased, less library staff are available to support students
- Need for increases in Librarian and staff salaries: Provost and President have committed to do salary increases in 2013-14, however Librarians are actively being pursued by other schools
- Funds will be requested to address the increase of student minimum wage.

Wilson showed a video of a musical group called Pickwick inside the Suzzallo Reading Room.

4. Update on the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence

Joyce Cooper provided an update on the Goal for the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence. Though the Council had set high goals, it did not have enough money to accomplish these yet. The Council had agreed to fund a JSTOR 10 archive, which is a smaller goal. Cooper requested the Council's input on the goal statement, the statement was altered as so:

"The Faculty Council on University Libraries (FCUL) is pleased to announce its first goal for the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence (FFLE). The FCUL is seeking gifts from current and emeritus faculty donors to purchase the JSTOR Arts & Sciences X Archive Collection. With a minimum of 125 titles available by the end of 2013, the JSTOR Arts & Sciences X Archive Collection features works in Sociology, Education, Public Policy and Administration, and the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine and will thus serve a wide range of disciplines for years to come.

For this key addition to the UW Libraries Collections, the FCUL has set a goal of \$9,000 by December 2012. This will cover the cost of the initiating fee for the JSTOR collection and leaves an annual fee of \$5,625 for this JSTOR collection from which the Dean of the University Libraries would make a long term funding commitment. Additional information about the JSTOR Collection can be found at <http://about.jstor.org/content-collections/journals/arts-sciences> "

Cooper proposed to provide this to the UW Daily and the website for the fund. An earlier suggestion to advertise the FFLE via a banner on UW Alpine email will not be possible unless it part of the UW Daily Today news section.

5. Adjournment

Chair Cooper adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Lattemann, Kot
 President's Designee: Wilson
 Ex-Officio Reps: Redalje, Barker, Gebhart, Kirkendall

Absent: **Faculty:** Laird, Mitchell, Seaburg, Mack, Retman, Kucher