

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

FRIDAY, April 11, 2008, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Petersen Room, Allen Library

Chair Charles Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Libraries update (Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)
2. Status of Librarians as Academic Personnel (Charles Chamberlin, Senior Associate Dean of University Libraries)
3. Survey of Browsing and Other Use of the Physical Library (Paul Constantine, Associate Dean of University Libraries)
4. Discussion of FCUL-Sponsored Faculty Senate Resolution endorsing open access (Charles Wilkinson, Chair)

1. Libraries update (Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)

President's Designee Betsy Wilson reported on the status of the Libraries' fiscal '09 budget. The costs for electronic journal subscriptions for next year are projected to increase by 8-10% over the current year. In order to maintain the Libraries' purchasing power a budget increase of \$750,000 is needed. A proposal has been sent to the Provost, and Wilson noted that she expects to hear within the next week and a half whether they will receive all, half, or some portion of the monies requested. Wilson explained that if they do not receive the full budgetary request, the Libraries must launch a "serials review project" to cut back on library resources. She described how much over the current budget journals, monographs, and books have gone up and how the serials review project takes an enormous amount of energy to carry out.

Another library issue concerns the electronic database called "UptoDate." Upto Date is very heavily used in medicine as an evidence-based, peer reviewed electronic information resource. The UW provides both local and remote access to this electronic resource which serves the medical education network called WAMI (Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho). Wilson reported that the cost for Up to Date this year was \$234,000, but because the company plans to change their business model to charge on a per person use basis, the fees for 2010 would reach \$1.5 million dollars for the same access. This increase is not sustainable and the UW faces cancelling the subscription to this very valuable website. Currently Wilson, along with the Provost and the Dean of the School of Medicine are discussing the university's options. Wilson noted the urgency in the upcoming decision and urged faculty members to send her questions or ideas.

Wilson updated FCUL members on the starting plan for the 2009-11 budget. She noted that they are working with the state's five other public baccalaureate schools in a cooperative library project which would focus on information resources, electronic resources, digital repository, and other initiatives. There is a

three to four million dollar request being made, and Wilson said she was not sure if it would go through the six-school Council of Presidents for consideration by the state legislature

Wilson also informed the council about a request for funds to refurbish and upgrade Odegaard Undergraduate Library.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has informed the UW Libraries that it is one of seven institutions in the final round of selection for the DataNet program award. She noted that UW should hear by next week if they will receive a site visit. The NSF plans to fund two to three proposals for up to \$20 million dollars each over a five-year period.

Special guest Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections, and Scholarly Communication, UW Libraries, explained the recent NIH mandate that NIH funded researchers need to submit an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts to the NIH PubMed Central within twelve months of publication. Jewell noted that NIH has a compliance feature in the public access policy and that all UW researchers will receive a statement on it. The Libraries is making an effort to publicize the new law, but Jewell sees difficulties in that there is currently no office at the UW to help authors with copyright questions.

Addendum to the agenda: Restructuring of the Senate/SEC (Charles Wilkinson)

Chair Charles Wilkinson handed out copies of the proposed changes to the composition of the Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC). He alerted council members that loss of FCUL representation on the SEC would seriously limit the council chair's ability to address significant issues relevant to the Libraries during the early stages of faculty deliberation. He encouraged council members to write letters to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Gerry Philipsen.

2. Status of Librarians as Academic Personnel (Charles Chamberlin, Senior Associate Dean of University Libraries)

Regularly invited guest Charles Chamberlain reported on the advisability of UW librarians attempting to secure status as faculty members. Their current standing is as academic staff in the category of librarians. Faculty are also academic staff. Chamberlin distributed several handouts which described the structure of librarians within the university personnel code. Chamberlin laid out factors that might indicate that it would be desirable for librarians to have faculty status. He noted that over 70 percent of librarians have permanent appointments. At all other public universities in the state, librarians are full faculty members. UW librarians now serve on faculty councils. UW librarians also face an "extremely serious problem" in that their compensation is significantly behind that of their peer institutions. Council members spoke about getting representation on the Faculty Senate where they could find roles and contribute. They also discussed why librarians might not want faculty status. If campus-wide criteria for promotion

were applied to librarians they would be expected to do research and publish. Many UW librarians do research and publish but most have a concentration in service. Wilson spoke about using a broad definition of excellence for the standard across faculty. Council member Mark Kot asked what is the advantage to being a faculty member given the wonderful parallel structure they have now? He said that a change in title could confound their responsibilities as librarians. A suggestion was made that they could take the title of affiliate faculty as a possible model that presents flexibility. Kot offered that they focus on the category of academic personnel rather than faculty. A motion was made and seconded to pursue adding librarians to the Faculty Senate as full voting members. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Survey of Browsing and Other Use of the Physical Library (Paul Constantine, Associate Dean of University Libraries)

Special guest Paul Constantine, Associate Dean of University Libraries, reported on the UW library's effort to maximize the use of space in Suzzallo Library. He showed a map and several charts that reported the results of a snapshot survey of the library's use on a particular day. Constantine explained that they were moving out books and reorganizing the library space so that it will meet the current needs of its users. He also reported that they will be bringing like resources together, for example placing all materials designated "PQ" in one area of the library, to make it easier for users.

4. Discussion of FCUL-Sponsored Faculty Senate Resolution endorsing open access (Charles Wilkinson, Chair)

Chair Wilkinson addressed the issue of a FCUL-sponsored Faculty Senate Resolution that would endorse an open access model of publishing. He noted that he reported on the subject to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). Wilkinson reported that there are many other universities whose Faculty Senates have passed open access resolutions (handout), and that he would like to start the process this year. Relevant issues to bring up include:

1. Faculty members should be aware of copyright issues and do not need to relinquish all rights when they transfer copyright to a publisher.
2. Most publishers now allow deposit of papers in institutional repositories, and faculty members can increase access to their publications by doing so.
3. A resolution will indicate united support from faculty when negotiating agreements.

Wilkinson said that he has contacted the Chair of the Faculty Council on Research to see if they could work together to draft a resolution.

Addendum: Other business

Wilson announced that next Thursday night, April 17th, there will be a gallery talk with Pamela Harer on the historical children's book exhibit titled, "Looking Glass for the Mind: 350 Years of Books for Children." Ms. Harer has generously donated many of the books for the exhibit. Council member Kot offered the idea

of allowing new faculty hires to select a book for the library's collection based on their interests.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Minutes by Melissa Kane, Faculty Senate

Present: **Faculty:** Bichindaritz, Diment, Kot, Laird, MacLachlan, Mitchell, Retman, Seaburg, Wilkinson (Chair),

President's Designee: Wilson

Ex Officio Reps: Barker

Regularly Invited Guests: Chamberlin

Absent: **Ex Officio Reps:** Banerjee (excused), Bankson (excused), Thornton

Special Guests: Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication, UW Libraries, Paul Constantine, Associate Dean of University Libraries, and Carolyn Dean, Carnegie Library Fellow, University of Cape Town.