

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
April 9, 2014, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Suzzallo 5th Floor – Conference Room East

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
 2. Review of the Minutes from January 15th and March 12th
 3. Vice Provost and Dean's Update
 4. OUGL Renovation Impact on Video
 5. Association of Research Libraries Annual Statistics
 6. Libraries Outreach: The Mountaineers.
 7. Good of the Order
 8. Adjourn
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lattemann at 2:30 p.m. Lattemann explained that chair Cooper will be late to the meeting.

2. Review of the Minutes from January 15, 2014 and March 12, 2014

The minutes from January 15, 2014 and March 12, 2014 were approved as amended.

3. Vice Provost and Dean's Update

Wilson provided an update to the shared integrated library system. On May 10-11 UW Libraries will release its front-end service ("Primo") with the new updates which are meant to correct past issues and concerns. Changes include improvements to individual library accounts and reduction/elimination of duplicate records. The back-end ("Alma") of the system is on track. Wilson reported that developers and the COO from Israel arrived to UW and worked directly with staff to discuss changes and improvements. Alma has been stable since February and after the May update it will be able to conduct multiple item updates which will improve the speed of the user environment, such as faster searches and record loading/importing.

Wilson reported that the communication team will work with library liaisons to send out messages about the updates in early spring. UW Libraries will wait until the production environment is working to send out the update.

Wilson reported on a large donation of rare musical scores that was recently acquired. The collector chose UW out of four possible institutions because there was nothing like this collection in the area. The musical scores are located in Special Collections and will be processed and digitized at some point.

Wilson distributed a flyer describing upcoming events for graduate students. UW Libraries has been working with partners across campus to develop a coherent set of services for graduate students, such

as the “Praxis: Doing Scholarship Digitally”, “Collaborating with Strangers on Food Research” and “Scholars’ Studio” events.

4. OUGL Renovation Impact on Video

Wilson presented a short video produced by UWTV about the new Odegaard Undergraduate Library called “[Ode to Odegaard](#)”.

5. Association of Research Libraries Annual Statistics

Steve Hiller (Director of Assessment & Planning, Libraries) provided a report on annual statistics from the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). ARL studies institutional investment trends of large public academic research libraries and has been collecting data for over 50 years. Categories include library rankings, staff size, collections expenditures, total expenditures and salaries. ARL has been collecting academic research library statistics since FY1962 and librarian salaries since FY1972. Hiller explained that size is used as an indicator for excellence and institutional investment in order to compare libraries. However, many library statistics are self-reported and lack independent verification which may skew the final results.

Hiller presented the rankings of 68 ARL libraries over a 5-year period (2008/09 – 2011/12). UW ranked 8th-12th for total expenditures and 7th-14th in collections expenditures. Over the same 5-year period UW ranked 10th-12th for total staff. Hiller noted that Michigan, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Penn State, Texas, Ohio State and Illinois are usually ranked above UW when compared against other academic libraries.

Hiller provided a comparison between UW and ARL averages:

Total Staff (2011/12)

- ARL average – 443
- ARL median – 397
- UW – 384

Collection Expenditures (2011/12)

- ARL average - \$17.4 million
- ARL median - \$16.3 million
- UW - \$15 million

Similar to staffing levels UW experienced a large dip during the recession before climbing back up to current funding levels.

Total Aggregate Expenditures (2011/12)

- ARL average - \$41.3 million
- ARL median - \$39.9 million
- UW - \$41.6 million

Similar to staffing and collection expenditures, total aggregate expenditures dropped down quickly during the recession. Hiller explained that the dramatic increase in funding (\$3.5 million) within one year was due to a decision made by Health Sciences to provide access to resources for licensed professionals.

Librarian Salaries

UW librarian salaries averages \$67,480 and ranks 61st compared to peer institutions. UW has historically ranked low compared to its peers and falls typically between the 40-50th range. Hiller explained that low salaries are a real impediment to retaining/recognizing good employees and recruiting new librarians.

Members discussed the recent fundraising and development strategies being coordinated by UW Libraries. The goal of recent development efforts is to expand services and diversify funding sources. Prior to the recession approximately 90% of UW Libraries' budget came from state funding. Since the recession state funding has dipped below 80% forcing UW Libraries to reevaluate its fundraising strategy in order to fulfill its mission and aspirations. Over the last 10 years UW Libraries has doubled annual fundraising revenues to \$28 million/year.

Members discussed ways that faculty can help with fundraising and advancement, such as the Catalyst Fund. UW Libraries is seeking a large transformative gift and in return will name the Suzzallo Reading Room after the donor. UW Libraries will use the earnings from the endowment as a match for colleges and campuses to match endowment money for their own projects. Faculty can play an important role by identifying areas where the university can obtain collections, digitize records or provide funding for research travel. A question was raised asking how the areas of funding will be chosen. Wilson explained that funding is donor driven, but UW Libraries is creating a "wish list" for new projects. Members agreed to discuss this "wish list" at an upcoming meeting.

6. Libraries Outreach: The Mountaineers

Hannah Palin (Film Archivist) discussed a recent NEH grant to develop a special collection for The Mountaineers organization. Film archives in special collections started small with limited equipment but quickly grew with the acquisition of several grants. Film archives received its first federal grant for \$250,000 and are adopting interesting things into its collection, including its "Husky Reels" project from intercollegiate athletics and a British documentary on the drug trade in Burma.

Sheila Mitchell who is working on the NEH-funded grant discussed her role with UW Libraries. Film archives were approached by The Mountaineers who have been collecting films over the last several decades. Archives accepted all 400 films and are in the process of digitizing the media. The earliest films are from the 1920s and were created by members of the organization covering group climbs, trail-building work and mountain rescue. Archives are currently working on a project that is combining summit records, films, photographs and personal journals. Mitchell presented a video using multiple media to create a "living movie" about a 3-week summer outing on the Wonderland Trail (Mount Rainier) coordinated by the Mountaineers in 1930 through the perspective of a woman who was on the trip.

After the movie a member commented that this is a great opportunity to combine resources together to develop a sense of the services provided by UW Libraries. Film archives are still working on this film which will be completed in the summer.

7. Good of the Order

Zikina reported that GPSS is working on a resolution mandating open-access for all scholarship in peer review articles. Zikina clarified that the resolution would require a mandate with an opt-out option. A suggestion was made to have representation from different parts of the university because this impacts faculty differently depending on their department. Members agreed it is good to receive input from across the entire campus.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Cooper at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Lattemann, LeVeque
 President's Designee: Wilson
 Ex Officio: Barker, Redalje, Kirkendall, Ziskina
 Guests: Steve Hiller (Director of Assessment & Planning, Libraries), Hannah Palin and
 Sheila Mitchell (Film Archives), Cynthia Fugate (Senior Associate Dean of Libraries)

Absent: **Faculty:** Gillis-Bridges, Hill, Nicoletta
 Ex Officio: Schroeder