

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

The Faculty Council on University Libraries met at 1:40 p.m. on **Friday, April 6, 2007**, at the University of Washington Suzzallo Library, 5th Floor conference room East. Chair Charles Wilkinson presided over the meeting.

Synopsis

1. Approval of the February 22, 2007 minutes.

2. Update on University Libraries (Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)

3. Presentation and discussion of issues surrounding the rapidly changing area of scholarly communications (Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication, and Mel DeSart, Head, Engineering Library)

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of February 22, 2007.

The minutes of February 22, 2007 were approved as written.

2. Update on the University of Washington Libraries (Betsy Wilson)

Betsy Wilson highlighted the *Visions of Valor* exhibit in the Allen Library which is displayed through April 24. She encouraged members to see it.

ASUW is working to raise money for a memorial for Medal of Honor recipients.

On April 30, a new catalog for the University Libraries will be launched which will be more powerful and will allow the meld of database articles. During the pilot, the Libraries will be seeking feedback from the community. The goal is to make things easier for students and faculty to find information.

Wilson noted the Libraries had their budget hearing with the provost a few weeks ago. Wilson distributed a summary of accomplishments, goals and directions for the coming year, and the Libraries' budget needs. Wilson highlighted the budget requests and gave brief details on each item. She also noted the Libraries have never received funding for new programs.

Charles Chamberlin updated the Council on the Sandpoint expansion facility. The Libraries asked for funding to renovate additional space. After reworking the project, bids came in under budget and renovation of 26,000 square feet with heating and air conditioning will be going forward. Once completed, there is a need \$3M for compact shelving to accommodate additional volumes.

3. Presentation and discussion of issues surrounding the rapidly changing area of scholarly communications (Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication, and Mel DeSart, Head, Engineering Library)

DeSart is head of the Scholarly Communications Steering Committee which reports to Jewell.

The goals of this presentation were to provide FCUL with an overview of scholarly communication issues and current Libraries projects, activities and options. Also, priorities for the Libraries' scholarly communication program were discussed.

Jewell discussed the priorities for the Libraries and the University and gave a definition of scholarly communication. Pricing and affordability are major issues as is access and advancement of research and scholarship as well as control and autonomy (i.e., authors' rights).

Jewell expanded on the Libraries Vision 2010 priorities and initiatives: strengthen the Libraries' liaison program and develop a plan for engaging the UW in discussions and action concerning a range of scholarly communication issues. He also briefed the Council on the UW Libraries scholarly communication activities in 2006 and 2007. DeSart presented serial costs' history (Monograph and Serial Expenditures in ARL Libraries) and the increases UW Libraries are facing. Jewell mentioned that 80% of expenditures are for serials and 20% for monographs, and that this is typical of ARL libraries. A definition of open access (OA) was given and a statement draft was distributed to the Council. Jewell reviewed the paths to open access which included variations in open access publishing.

Jewell also talked about the Open Journal Systems – as well as DPubs – aimed at local control but with the tools for peer review. Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) is also available.

A suggestion was made to continue this discussion about institutional repositories, authors' rights, strategies, etc. at the next FCUL meeting and invite Jewell and DeSart back to address these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting

The next FCUL meeting is scheduled for May 18 in the Allen Auditorium, Allen Library.

PRESENT: *Professors:* Wilkinson (chair), Kot, Diment, Martin,
President's Designee: Wilson
Representatives: Albano, Mortensen, Sercombe (alternate for
Mills), Thornton
Guests: Charles Chamberlin, Tim Jewell, Mel DeSart

ABSENT: *Professors:* Goodkin, Korshin, Seaburg
Representatives:

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ABSENCE: *Professors:* Retman, Tashiro, Laird, MacLachlan
Representatives: Mills

Handouts:

- Scholarly Communication presentation by Jewell/DeSart

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