

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
March 12, 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 15, 2014
 3. Update from the Vice Provost and Dean
 4. Libraries Campaign
 5. Libraries Capital Plan Update
 6. Libraries Organizational Planning
 7. Adjourn
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Leveque at 2:30 p.m.

2. Review of the Minutes from January 15, 2014

Cynthia Fugate (Senior Associate Dean of Libraries) provided suggested revisions to the minutes which will be distributed to members prior to the April meeting.

3. Update from the Vice Provost and Dean

Wilson reported on recent developments regarding UW Libraries request for Provost reinvestment funds. UW Libraries will receive initial feedback in mid-April but the final budget will not be officially approved until the Board of Regents meeting in June.

Wilson provided an update on the library system migration. UW Libraries is continuing to make progress with its new vendor Ex-Libris. There are two parts of the system: Primo (front-end, discovery layer) and Alma (back-end). Primo is being offered as the beta option with WorldCat as the primary interface. Primo underwent a recent update and will release another update on April 6th. After the release UW Libraries will conduct an evaluation and decide when Primo will move from beta to default. The goal is to make a decision by the beginning of Summer Quarter, but if there is a delay then the final rollout will occur before Fall Quarter 2014. Due to the constant rollouts of new upgrades UW Libraries was not able to find the right time to release a campus-wide announcement of the new system. Wilson thinks that a campus-wide communication could be release in April when Primo releases its next upgrade. Members discussed their experiences using Primo. A comment was raised expressing support for sending out a notification in mid-April when faculty and students return from spring break.

Wilson asked members to watch for a major announcement regarding a large gift to UW Libraries in the form of a large collection of opera scores.

4. Libraries Campaign

Sheryl Stiefel (Director of Libraries Advancement) provided an update on fundraising priorities for UW Libraries. The goal of UW Libraries is to make materials available and accessible to students and faculty. UW Libraries fundraising goal for the campaign is \$22 million in which \$11 million has already been secured. Strategic priorities for the UW Libraries campaign include sharing knowledge (acquiring materials, making information available through preservation, etc.) and creating excellence in libraries.

One fundraising strategy is naming UW Libraries. Currently, there are 4 libraries that are named after donors, such as Odegard Undergraduate Library. Stiefel explained The Catalyst Fund at UW Libraries. The goal would start with a transformational gift of \$25 million creating The Catalyst Fund, making available a source of annual interest income to launch new endowments each year with an estimated annual return of \$1 million. This would match new endowments supporting innovative and entrepreneurial research incentivizing a pipeline of donors to ensure the recruitment and retention of top faculty, staff and students.

The Suzzallo Reading Room Catalyst Fund would be the establishment of a fund with a transformational gift to UW Libraries that matches new library endowment gifts. During the campaign, UW Libraries would use distributions from this discretionary endowment to provide a 1:1 match for new gifts that “advance intellectual discovery and enrich the quality of life by connecting people with knowledge.” Endowment examples include:

- Biomedicine Research Library
- Japan Studies Library
- Engineering Graduate Research Library
- Scholarly Publishing
- Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Library
- GBLT Graduate Research Library
- Digitization
- Library Research Awards for Undergraduates

Stiefel explained that if an outside donor was interested in the biomedical research fund, for example, and would like to donate \$25,000, UW Libraries can match it to increase the impact of the gift. This would also provide funds to allow for the immediate use by faculty and students. Stiefel mentioned that with 50% of current faculty retiring in the next 15 year having these funds will help in recruiting the best and brightest faculty. Discussion ensued. A comment was raised that this will allow donors to contribute to UW at lower levels and be more likely to give to UW Libraries. Stiefel requested that Council members suggest additional potential endowment ideas to add to the list above, and also contact her with any ideas for individuals who may be interested in making a \$25 million gift with the possibility of naming the Suzzallo Reading Room in their honor.

5. Libraries Capital Plan Update

Cynthia Fugate (Senior Associate Dean of Libraries) provided an update to the One Capital Plan. This is UW’s comprehensive plan for construction and renovation of buildings on campus. In order for a building or major renovation to occur the project needs to be on the list to be approved by the Board of Regents. Staff in the Office of Capital and Space Planning maintain a database and conduct quality

checks to verify that assumptions about cost and square footage are correct, then vet proposals which finally go into the One Capital Plan. UW Libraries strategy is based around libraries considered “anchor libraries” which UW should continue to invest in and renovate on a regular basis. The decision is typically based on the reliance of the disciplines served on print materials (rather than electronic), the condition of the facility, usage data, and whether the building is adaptable for new use. UW has completed the recent phase of the Odegaard renovation which completely transformed the first floor and the mezzanine, and made substantial improvements to the third floor which houses stacks and quiet study areas. However, the entire project is far from meeting the goal of becoming a single, integrated building from the basement to the third floor. Primary goals are to increase safety for students and make better use of the ground floor which is not currently used efficiently. Fugate mentioned that part of the final renovation would be a grand entrance facing Meany Hall.

Fugate reported on the re-visioning of the Engineering Library. A committee formed by the Dean of the College of Engineering and the Dean of Libraries to review the building has been studying feedback to determine how it can be more useful for the engineering community. With the increase of students interested in Engineering, and the school moving to direct admissions, engineering students need a library that they can call home.

Work is being done to complete the Sandpoint auxiliary shelving unit which is another 70,000 square feet of storage. Increased shelving at Sandpoint will allow for the renovation of campus libraries to expand collaboration and quiet study spaces. This project is currently undergoing a feasibility study and is scheduled to be put on the list for capital funding in the 2015-17 budget.

Fugate reported on a proposal creating a Fine Arts Center in collaboration with the College of Arts & Sciences. The center could be either a standalone faculty or center within the college which would include exhibit and studio space. This has been a long-standing goal for UW Libraries and fundraising was underway before the financial crash.

A question was raised asking if there are more proposals for active learning classrooms. Health Sciences is looking at opportunities and spaces for such classrooms. Fugate mentioned that there were more active learning classrooms proposed in the original plans for the Odegaard renovation. UW Libraries is starting to conduct an assessment on the classrooms and so far the feedback has been very positive. The rooms are booked all the time. Members discussed locations across campus that could be renovated to use active learning classrooms. Early findings emphasize the importance of the classrooms being located in the library due to knowledgeable staff and access to services.

The physics/astronomy library is transitioning into the new data science studio. Fugate expects the library to close at the end of Spring Quarter and reopen as the studio in October.

6. Libraries Organizational Planning

Wilson reported on three major retirements that are coming up:

- Jill McKinstry, Director of Odegaard Undergraduate Library (search underway) Tim Jewell, Director for Informational Resources and Scholarly Communications (will be replaced on an interim basis by Gordon Aamot). Wilson mentioned that Jewell will return on 40% rehire.
- Bill Jordan, Associate Dean of University Libraries – Resource Acquisitions/Information Technology Services (will be replaced by on an interim basis by Cynthia Fugate)

Wilson noted that due to the large system migration there will be an interim period until UW Libraries better understands its final workflow and leadership needs. Wilson mentioned that Tim Jewell's retirement reception will be held on April 24th.

7. Adjourn

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

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Present: **Faculty:** LeVeque (acting Chair), Lattemann, Nicoletta
 President's Designee: Wilson
 Ex Officio: Barker, Redalje, Kirkendall
 Guests: Sheryl Stiefel (Director of Libraries Advancement), Cynthia Fugate (Senior Associate Dean of Libraries)

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