

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
Friday, January 22, 2010, 3:30-5:00 P.M.  
Petersen Room, Allen Library

Chair Bichindaritz called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Charles Chamberlin announced that Dean Wilson would not be able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Chamberlin had been asked by her to present her reports.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 17, 2009
2. Circulation Harmonization Overview
3. Libraries Information Resources Reduction: Update on Communications
4. Libraries Budget Planning
5. Faculty Involvement in Open Access Facilitation
6. Adjournment

**1. Welcome, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 17, 2009**

Chair Bichindaritz welcomed everyone. She asked Council members if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. There were no additions or changes and the agenda was approved.

The minutes from December 17, 2009 were approved as submitted.

**2. Circulation Harmonization Overview**

Bichindaritz introduced Thom Deardorff, Coordinator for Access Services for University Libraries, who distributed a handout entitled "Circulation Harmonization." He explained that circulation harmonization, which involves a review of the Library's circulation policies and procedures, is one of a number of Library initiatives to review current policies, procedures and workflows to ensure that the Libraries are providing the best service as efficiently as possible. As a result of this study, the Library will be implementing some changes to current policies:

1. Reduction of the number of item types;
2. Reduction of the number of non-reserve loan periods to three for each new item type;
3. Standardization of replacement costs; and
4. Increase in the number of items that circulate and are pageable.

Each of these policies was described in the handout and Deardorff elaborated. Ensuing discussion included the suggestion that there may be faculty push-back to some of these new policies. Although the process will be very easy, faculty will need to renew library items more frequently. Deardorff noted that the new policy provides for all this to be done through Library electronic systems instead of by staff. One council member suggested there may be an increase in the number of volumes being returned to the library as a result of this policy. He asked if there were any question about shelf space. Deardorff does

not anticipate a large surge of returns. He reiterated that it would simplify things for both the Library and for the users.

This was a discussion item only for the Council. No action was taken and no recommendation was made.

### **3. Libraries Information Resources Reductions: Update on Communications**

In Dean Wilson's absence Charles Chamberlin, Senior Associate Dean of University Libraries, reported on her recent communication with the University community regarding the budget and its probable impact on the Libraries. In addition to the communication there was a recent article on the same subject in *University Week*. He reported on the ways the Dean has included staff in planning for cuts, both in the past year, and in current planning for the next budget cuts. He then distributed a letter from Raymond Jonas, Professor of History, to Provost Wise concerning recent announcements of cuts to the library materials budget, the budget for books, journals and monographs. Chamberlin reported that this was a good example of responses to Wilson's communication and the *University Week* article.

### **4. Libraries Budget Planning**

Chamberlin reported that the Governor's budget for the next biennium had included a 3.5% cut to all colleges and libraries. Tuition dollars may serve to lessen the impact of this proposal. He suggested that ABB (Activity-Based Budgeting), a possible new funding model for the University that's currently under consideration, may also help ameliorate the cuts. Another source of possible funding for the libraries could be indirect costs generated by federal stimulus money. All of these possible funding sources are still in the realm of possibility and there will be no way to avoid cuts entirely.

Discussion included a report on library consolidations and changes being considered as a result of budget cuts. Chamberlin noted that Dean Wilson will continue to brief the Council throughout the legislative session on how various versions of the state budget will impact the operation of the Libraries.

### **5. Faculty Involvement in Open Access Facilitation**

Chair Bichindaritz reviewed the history of this initiative, reporting that Charles Wilkinson, then Chair of FCUL, had proposed a resolution concerning scholarly publishing alternatives and authors' rights that was ultimately approved by the Faculty Senate in April of 2009. (A copy of the Class C resolution was distributed.) The resolution, which included input from the Faculty Council on Research, encouraged faculty, the libraries and administration to develop open access to research materials. It also encouraged faculty to submit their research to the UW repository.

Bichindaritz put this on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting to discuss ways to facilitate on-going faculty involvement in this initiative. She referred to a handout printed from a website from Texas A&M concerning an expert panel that had called upon United States research agencies to develop policies for providing free public access to federally sponsored research results. Other handouts included an article by Timothy Mark and Kathleen Shearer entitled: Institutional Repositories: A Review of Content Recruitment Strategies and more web information on research repositories in the US and around the world.

Ensuing discussion led to a proposal by Chamberlin that a small group convene to formulate an action plan for the Council to consider at its next meeting. He offered to put the group together, and Council member Joyce Cooper offered to participate.

## 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

*Minutes by Susan Folk, Assistant to the Secretary of the Faculty, [sfolk@u.washington.edu](mailto:sfolk@u.washington.edu)*

**Present: Faculty:** Bichindaritz (Chair), Kot, Lattemann, Mack, Cooper, Hicks (via telephone),  
Retman

**Ex Officio Reps:** Barker, Banerjee, Thornton

**Special Guests:** Chamberlin, Fugate, Deardorff

**Absent: Faculty:** Laird, Mitchell, Seaburg

**President's Designee:** Wilson

**Ex Officio Reps:** Lee