

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
THURSDAY, January 22, 2009, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Petersen Room, Suzallo Library

Chair Charles Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1. Review and approval of minutes from meeting of December 15, 2008**
 - 2. University Libraries' update on two major budget-related initiatives: Serials Review Project and New Models of Service Delivery — Lizabeth Wilson, Dean of University Libraries (45 min)**
 - 3. Information about and future plans for the UW institutional repository — Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources and Scholarly Communication, UW Libraries, and Ann Lally, Head, Digital Initiatives, UW Libraries (25 min)**
 - 4. Report on the ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication held in December in Portland and report on the activities of the UW Scholarly Communication Committee — Charles Wilkinson, Chair, FCUL (20 min)**
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With a number of special guests today, Charles Wilkinson asked everyone to introduce themselves. He also gave a special welcome to Icing Song, the new ASUW representative on the council.

1. Review and approval of minutes of meeting of December 15, 2008

Chair Wilkinson asked for any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

2. University Libraries' update on two major budget-related initiatives: Serial Review Project and New Models of Service Delivery—Lizabeth Wilson, Dean of University Libraries

Dean Wilson introduced the libraries' use of a new print newsletter format in order to announce the Libraries' upcoming Annual Friends meetings. On Friday, January 30th, Nobel Laureate Lee Hartwell will talk about "Science and the Arts," and Friday, March 6th, writer Jack Hammond will talk about his book, On American Soil, a story about an injustice that took place at Fort Lawton.

Wilson next addressed two major budget planning initiatives that have been launched recently and said she was seeking the advice and counsel from FCUL members. She reviewed budget planning principles that will help guide the significant budget cuts the libraries is facing, and the impact the cuts would have upon the materials collection in particular. Wilson emphasized that the size of the proposed cuts will affect how the libraries do their business on a daily basis, and how they are looking at all options. She noted that the two initiatives will require broad consultation with the campus.

Tim Jewell, Libraries Director of Information Resources, Collections and Scholarly Communication, presented the first initiative, Serials Review Planning. He handed out a paper on serial and database review that was used with library staff in an internal town hall meeting recently. Jewell explained how the financial situation is dictating this kind of review, because the bulk of the libraries' expenditures, about 80%, are in serials. He described the process that is underway which includes information resource meetings for all staff and subject librarians. Jewell highlighted key points in the review plan, such as the need to coordinate with UW-Tacoma and UW-Bothell libraries, and the particular preparations and strategies being put in place to address a sizable budget cut. Jewell was asked about the effect of the serials inflationary expenses. He replied that a best guess for 2010 would be an additional \$700K in order to avoid cuts, and described the effect that real cuts, like the ones being proposed, would have on the libraries' purchasing power. Jewell explained that the libraries wants subject librarians to have time to consult with effected faculty members and department chairs in the schools and colleges, in order to get feedback on prioritization. He noted that next week target information will be provided to the subject librarians, and soon after, they will contact departments. The general process is:

1. Assess fairly quickly what reductions of this magnitude will mean for the collections and information services, before they meet with the Provost and Paul Jenny to discuss budget scenarios.
2. Do serious work on deciding what journals and serials are expendable, by mid-June. (Jewell noted that cancellations don't happen until the fall, so they will have additional time to make adjustments.)

Jewell explained the very complicated nature of cutting journals because of the way they purchase bundled journal packages and negotiate deals with their consortium of publishing partners. Wilson added that she would like to solicit feedback on the budget cuts from the council. She would like to hear stories of how the impact of the cuts, both positive and negative, will affect their teaching, learning, and research.

Neil Rambo, Acting Director, Health Sciences Libraries, and Acting Associate Dean, University Libraries, introduced the second initiative, new models of libraries service delivery. Rambo, using a power point by Steve Hiller, Director of Assessment and Planning, shared information on library

users and use trends that was collected through a series of surveys and trend analyses done on how the libraries are being used, both physically and virtually. He explained how the information will help frame their decisions about how to deal with maintaining a high service level with fewer staff and resources. Rambo noted significant decreases in traditional library service use across a 10 year period for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty. He also highlighted data that showed by department, a notable decrease in the in-house use of branch libraries in every department, except math, for both the 2002-03, and 2007-08 academic years. Rambo noted that they are shifting from a traditional model of physical collections and physical facilities to virtual use. He cited data that shows about 75% of faculty prefer to use the library from their desktop, through online access. Rambo described various patterned used of the libraries across undergraduate, graduate, and faculty groups.

Cynthia Fugate, Associate Dean of Libraries for Research & Instructional Svc, Office of the Dean, Libraries, reported on the libraries plan to offer new models of service delivery. She explained how as a data driven libraries the idea of offering virtual service delivery has been something they have been moving toward for a while. While the best service model in the past has been to have lots of specialized branch campuses and service points, Fugate noted that the proliferation of virtual services and electronic resources has allowed the Libraries to consolidate several branch libraries in a variety of disciplines. The Libraries is looking towards an increased ability to deliver a wide range of services with fewer consolidated delivery points. She spoke about the value of the Sand Point storage facility, and the large number of items (over 1.2 million) that have been moved there recently. Fugate outlined a future project to consolidate the fine arts libraries in art, drama, music and dance, into one facility. She explained that the New Models of Service Delivery Task Force will be submitting an interim report, using all the data available, on recommendations for improving service with fewer resources. Fugate answered questions about the kind of savings that come from consolidation of libraries, and the ability to use scan-on-demand for delivering articles to the desktop.

3. Information about and future plans for the UW institutional repository — Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources and Scholarly Communication, UW Libraries, and Ann Lally, Head, Digital Initiatives, UW Libraries

Ann Lally, Head, Digital Initiatives, UW Libraries, presented an overview on the UW repository and the libraries' efforts at populating it. She explained the libraries' desire to pursue "harvesting" of available articles from the rich database of materials at UW. With over 17,000 articles available to harvest, Lally explained why that amount of information required a program that could manage the process. She handed out a copy of a letter sent to all UW faculty who have recently published in a journal, that informs them of the UW repository and invites them to deposit their articles in it. They are offered a chance to opt-out, or else their articles will automatically be placed in it. Lally noted that once faculty members see the number of times their articles are being downloaded, they most often agree to the archiving process. Wilkinson pointed out the value in having older publications available online. Lally was asked questions about the harvesting process, and how the libraries is prepared to protect this initiative within the budget cuts. Wilson responded by saying that they must look at new capacity in the libraries as they create new service models. She also noted the Allen Endowment, a large discretionary fund

that they can draw upon on a one-time basis, for special purchases, could be used to help develop new service models. Pamela Mitchell emphasized the historical value of older publications and why it is important to preserve them in digital form so that new scientists and scholars can learn where their ideas came from.

Tim Jewell reported on other types of UW repository materials, such as the pilot project that the Graduate School is working on to electronically publish thesis and dissertation papers. He noted that they hope to make it mandatory by fall. Jewell explained some of the details in archiving dissertations and theses that concern copyright and open access policy. He noted that they are also talking with Pat Soden from UW Press about electronic versions of some their publications that would be available only to UW campus. Overall, they are looking for ways to develop the UW repository content, at a low cost. Would it replace their being deposited in the UMI? Proquest retain its policy of print form; repos. Would help improve its access.

4. Report on the ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication held in December in Portland and report on the activities of the UW Scholarly Communication Committee — Charles Wilkinson, Chair, FCUL

Chair Wilkinson gave a brief report on the Regional Institute on Scholarly Communication conference in Portland that he attended in December, along with four libraries staff. The conference drew about 100 librarians and faculty members from institutions around the United States. Wilkinson reported on several sessions he attended in which they focused on how to get faculty involved in issues related to scholarly communication. He noted that relatively few faculty members are aware of scholarly communication issues, like open access, and those that are aware don't know how to have an impact. There were no real answers to the questions raised, such as how to handle the dichotomy between the humanities and arts, and the sciences. Overall there was a lot of interesting conversation which Wilkinson said were useful because he could see where other universities are in terms of their interactions with faculty.

Wilkinson reported that he heard about new publishing models and that University of Oregon's Faculty Senate had recently passed a resolution focused on authors' rights. In speaking with the President of their Faculty Senate, Wilkinson found out that the resolution did not seem to change faculty behavior, but did raise their level of awareness. Because their faculty governance was involved in bringing forth issues about scholarly communication and open access, it increased the national visibility of the scholarly communication issues, and encouraged journal editors to take strong positions with their publishers. Wilkinson noted that it was an uphill struggle to get people involved, and that he felt serials cancellations would affect their motivations.

Wilkinson introduced an institutional repository called Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access (SHERPA). He described the website as very useful, and

noted how it lists publishers and their policies for archiving articles. Wilkinson reported that about 2/3 of U.S. research institutes are either piloting or implementing some form of repository but that few research faculty are making deposits. He enthusiastically described a very deluxe repository service being offered at a few institutions which facilitates the archiving process for faculty. Wilkinson distributed a handout on the repository service at University of Utah. The service is very expensive, and the current economic situation is making it difficult for libraries who have talked about developing their own repositories to do so, unless they receive institutional support. Wilkinson briefly described a project his group was asked to design for their own institution. His group thought of organizing a list of the most often used journals, by department or subject area, and identifying which are open access, or not, and their estimated cost for libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Minutes by Melissa Kane, Faculty Senate, mmkane@u.washington.edu

Present: Faculty: Kot, Retman, MacLachlan, Cooper, Wilkinson (Chair), Mitchell, Bichindaritz

President's Designee: Wilson

Ex Officio Reps: Barker

Regularly Invited Guests: Chamberlin

Absent: Faculty: Diment, Laird, Seaburg

Ex Officio Reps: Banerjee, Thornton

Special Guests: Cynthia Fugate, Associate Dean of Libraries for Research & Instructional Svc, Office of the Dean; Tim Jewell, Director, Information Resources and Scholarly Communication, UW Libraries; Ann Lally, Head, Digital Initiatives, UW Libraries; Neil Rambo, Acting Director, Health Sciences Libraries, and Acting Associate Dean, University Libraries; and Icing Song, undergraduate student.