

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

The Faculty Council on University Libraries met at 1:35 p.m. on **Thursday, January 10, 2008**, in the L142 Conference Room of the M.G. Gallagher Law Library. Chair Charles Wilkinson presided over the meeting.

Synopsis

1. Libraries Update (Betsy Wilson)
2. Law Library Presentation (Penny Hazelton, Associate Dean for Library & Computing Services, UW School of Law)

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of December 14, 2007.

The minutes of December 14, 2007 were approved as written.

2. Libraries Update

Wilson opened the meeting announcing the Distinguished Librarian Award. This librarian will be nominated by a 5-member selection committee consisting of 3 librarians, 1 student, and 1 faculty member, and the award is a \$5,000 cash prize funded out of the Allen Endowment. It is meant to be comparable to a lifetime achievement award and mirrors the already existing Distinguished Teaching Award.

Wilson described her annual whirlwind tour to visit all of the 45 units of UW Libraries (with the exception of Friday Harbor) that occurs at the beginning of each year. This year's tour took place on January 8, beginning at UW Tacoma and ending at UW Bothell with time running out.

Wilkinson referred to a handout regarding open access publishing in *The Journal of Neuroscience*. The journal currently allows free public access to all articles 6 months after publication, and authors will now have the option of making their articles freely available immediately by paying a fee of \$2,500. This is an example of an increasing trend to shift the burden of publishing costs from the readers (and libraries) to the authors and funding sources. This change in publishing models is also reflected by recent legislation mandating freely accessible digital archiving of all articles arising from support from the National Institutes of Health within twelve months of publication. Both of these actions to make articles publicly accessible will have major implications for publishers of academic journals .

Wilson announced that the UW Libraries and several partners just submitted a large grant proposal in response to the National Science Foundation DataNet solicitation. This was a preliminary application; notification will come in February whether a full application will be accepted. This proposal would fund the creation of a national data

network and would fulfill one of the missions of the Libraries: to bring people together across disciplines.

Banerjee informed the Council that UW Libraries is planning to host a Library Diversity Conference in 2010. One of the goals of the Libraries is to promote diversity. The McKinstry Fellowship funds information school students from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds to pursue a library career.

3. Law Library Presentation

Penny Hazelton began her presentation of the M. G. Gallagher Law School with a brief personal introduction. She obtained her J.D. from Lewis & Clark but had spent the bulk of her education career working in the library, so following graduation she enrolled in the UW Information School and received her MLIS in Law Librarianship. Hazelton is a current advisor and instructor within the Information School's one-year program for lawyers who wish to pursue a career as a librarian. The UW has a top rated Law Librarianship program, and its graduates are in high demand.

Hazelton entertained and informed the Council with a western-themed multi-media presentation entitled "Loan on the Range" that focused on the Library's Law Books on Demand program. The program allows UW Law alumni to request the loan of almost all items held by the Law Library, and shipping is paid for by the Library.

The Gallagher Law Library is staffed by 36 individuals, of which 13 are librarians and 3 of whom hold law degrees. The Law Library is open to the public and supports 550 students, 60 faculty, and 120 staff members within the Law School, as well as UW Law alumni, the greater UW population, and the practicing bar. Although there is a state statute that specifies that the Law Library can be restricted to only those performing legal studies (a necessity when housed in Condon Hall), it currently remains open to everyone except for a brief security-mandated closure in November 2007. The Director of the Law Library reports directly to the Dean of the Law School, and the Library is administratively separate from UW Libraries.

When the Law Library first opened there were no rules or regulations put into place besides operating hours, and as tensions developed the Library compromised on regulations in order to balance serving the greater community while maintaining sufficient available space for law student use. For example, there are tables designated for law research and a reading room/lounge area within the library that is only accessible to law students.

In terms of collection size, the Law Library is 36th out of 192 ABA accredited Law Libraries holding 650,000 volumes and 430,000 print copies all housed and accessible within the two floors of the Gallagher Law Library. It is the largest Law Library north of UC Berkeley and west of Iowa, so the Library has taken on the responsibility of maintaining print versions of many books which are now available digitally to ensure future access of the material. Many users prefer hard copies, and maintaining these volumes allows other smaller libraries in the region to use their resources more

efficiently without further duplication. Only 8-10% of the Law Library budget is spent on hard copy volumes, the majority of the money going to subscriptions and serials.

The UW Campus Libraries and the Law Library are cataloged separately, but both catalogues can be found on the Northwest common database Summit. Both Libraries work together to make sure there is little overlap between their collections and share some licensing agreements. The Law Library offers in-person and email reference services, computer access (both wireless services and terminals for the UW population), classroom space, legal research instruction, Library tours, and 137 Legal Research Guides with annotated links.

Kot asked how soon the collection would outgrow this space, and Hazelton responded that the library only adds 8-10,000 volumes a year and much of the collection needs to be weeded out as materials go out of date. The way publication trends are going, it is doubtful the library would have to expand until at least 2050.

Hazelton then led the council on a walking tour of the 2 floors of the Gallagher Law Library.

PRESENT: *Professors:* Wilkinson (chair), Bichindaritz, Kot, Laird, MacLachlan Mitchell
President's Designee: Wilson
Representatives: Banerjee, Bankson
Guests: Penny Hazelton

ABSENT: *Professors:* Seaburg

EXCUSED

ABSENCE: *Professors:* Diment, Retman
Representatives: Barker

Handouts:

- *The Journal of Neuroscience* "Open Choice"

Amy Underkofler, Recorder