

Faculty Council on University Libraries
2012-13 Annual Report
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During the 2012-13 academic year, the Faculty Council on University Libraries (FCUL) met seven times. The FCUL discussed and/or reviewed:

1. **The Odegaard Renovation.** The 2012 academic year began with Odegaard Library partially opened, staff relocated to trailers, and extended hours supporting no decrease in student demand for the libraries, despite the reopening of the Husky Union Building. FCUL discussion followed on the structural changes from a darker space with a central stairway to a bright space lit by skylights, with two active learning spaces on the first floor. In November, the FCUL was informed that renovation funds were halfway spent, and on-track to complete the spending and renovations over the next 6 months. The final FCUL meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year was held in the Odegaard Undergraduate Library (Room 220) and included a tour of the completed renovation (less slight details).

2. **Integrated Library Systems.** In October, the FCUL was introduced to the Libraries' vision for a shared integrated library system between 37 libraries in the Orbis Cascade Alliance to be created over three years. The objective of this effort was to increase capacity and to better serve Libraries customers through a multi-institutional approach for sharing over 10 million titles and 29 million items. The system was to replace the WorldCAT system, and the UW was to be among the first to use the system.

In April, the FCUL provided feedback on the best way to communicate changes to Libraries customers and a discussion of testing followed. It was noted that testing was being conducted on the back-end of the system and that due to resource constraints user testing was being done by Libraries staff on a small scale. During the June FCUL meeting, plans for the June 24th system migration were described, with ensuing discussion focused on the role of subject Librarians for direct contact of faculty and graduate students concerning all changes.

3. **Other items such as:**
 - The Libraries budget (Dean Wilson provided detail and led discussions at multiple meetings);
 - The Faculty Fund for Library Excellence (\$4,500 from the Fund was matched by Dean Wilson to purchase JSTOR Arts & Sciences X);
 - Collections/ multi-institutional approaches (notably discussions of the Conservation Program and the related Senior Conservator hire and the Digital Preservation Network);
 - Libraries surveys (notably providing input for question formulation for the Triennial Survey and a review of comparative trends in ARL Libraries);
 - Libraries policies (notably discussion of the Faculty Carrel Policy); and

- Inclusion of Librarians on the Senate (notably a review of ongoing activities such as the formation of the “Status of Librarians” group by the ALUW and a meeting with Provost Ana Mari Cauce on this subject).