

**Faculty Council on University Libraries**  
**2011-12 Annual Report**  
**Submitted by Joyce Cooper, Chair**

During the 2011-12 academic year, the FCUL met seven times. Major activities of the Faculty Council on University Libraries (FCUL) were:

1. **Maintenance of the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence.** In 2011, the FCUL established the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence (FFLE) as a University gift fund available for current and emeritus faculty donors to support the University Libraries' collections (with unanimous Faculty Senate approval of the FCUL's Class C Resolution (Class C Bulletin No. 506) on March 10, 2011). Through the FFLE, books, journals, and other materials will be retained and acquired and unique materials will be preserved and digitized — supporting UW faculty research that benefit the people of Washington State and the world.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, the FCUL discussed options for promoting and using the fund. Ideas for the use of the fund centered around meeting a goal of providing broad impact (e.g., reaching a range of disciplines). Discussions concluded with the preparation of the following statement:

“The Faculty Council on University Libraries (FCUL) is pleased to announce its first goal for the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence (FFLE). The FCUL is seeking gifts from current and emeritus faculty donors to purchase the JSTOR Arts & Sciences X Archive Collection. With a minimum of 125 titles available by the end of 2013, the JSTOR Arts & Sciences X Archive Collection features works in Sociology, Education, Public Policy and Administration, and the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine and will thus serve a wide range of disciplines for years to come.

For this key addition to the UW Libraries Collections, the FCUL has set a goal of \$9,000 by December 2012. This will cover the cost of the initiating fee for the JSTOR collection and leaves an annual fee of \$5,625 for this JSTOR collection from which the Dean of the University Libraries would make a long term funding commitment. Additional information about the JSTOR Collection can be found at <http://about.jstor.org/content-collections/journals/arts-sciences> “

2. **Inclusion of librarians on the Senate.** Discussions included the ALUW position and information resources they compiled at <http://staffweb.lib.washington.edu/committees/aluw/status/statuscommittee>, the results of a 2011 Librarian Survey to promotion and tenure requirements, collective bargaining agreements, and resources for additional detail. The committee discussed the "White Paper" (at <http://staffweb.lib.washington.edu/committees/aluw/status/about/white-paper>) in particular, prepared in by Charles Chamberlin, Laura Lillard, Sion Romaine, and Betsy Wilson and describing

the role of the UW Libraries, reviews the contribution of librarians and their current status, and concludes with an articulation of the institutional benefits that would accrue from changing the status of librarians to faculty.

3. **Review of the Libraries budget.** The Libraries budget was discussed at every FCUL meeting during the 2011-2012 academic year. Dean Wilson, who consistently provided detail concerning reduction scenarios, response planning, and timelines, led discussions.
4. **General activity updates/ discussions.** The FCUL also discussed and/or reviewed progress and activities related to
  - Librarian awards such as the Distinguished Librarian Award;
  - Scholarly communications (e.g., Research Works, electronic thesis and dissertation development, journal hosting, and open access issues and policy);
  - Collective collections/ multi-institutional approaches (notably UW participation in the Hathi Trust, the UMass Libraries special initiatives, and the Digital Preservation Network (DPN));
  - Capital projects (e.g., the Health Sciences Library and Odegard renovations)

#### **Council Membership**

**Council Members for 2011-2012 Academic Year:** Joyce Cooper (Chair); Gregory Hicks; Mark Kot; Margaret Laird; Dianne Lattemann; Edward Mack; Pamela Mitchell; Sonnet Retman; William Seaburg; Michael Kucher

**Presidential Designee:** Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries

**Ex-Officio Representatives:** Susanne Redalje, ALUW; Gennie Gebhart, ASUW; and Ellen Barker, PSO