

**Faculty Council on University Libraries**  
**2010-11 Annual Report**  
**Submitted by Joyce Cooper, Chair**

During the 2010-11 academic year, the FCUL met seven times. Major activities of the Faculty Council on University Libraries (FCUL) were:

1. **Establishment of the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence.** The FCUL led the establishment of 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. 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.

Milestones in the establishment of the FFLE were:

- During the January 5 FCUL meeting, Associate Professor Mark Kot suggested the Council investigate ways in which the UW faculty might support Libraries collections. Discussion led the FCUL to conceive of the FFLE.
- During the February 2 FCUL meeting, draft text for a Class C Resolution for the establishment of the FFLE were reviewed and edited. Final text was approved by the FCUL by email.
- The FCUL's Class C Resolution was submitted February 4 to the Secretary of the Faculty.
- The Senate Executive Committee approved the FCUL's Class C Resolution on February 14, allowing it to move to the Faculty Senate.
- The Faculty Senate unanimously approved the FCUL's Class C Resolution (Class C Bulletin No. 506) on March 10.
- An email was sent to current and emeritus faculty through [Fac\\_vote@uw.edu](mailto:Fac_vote@uw.edu) on June 8, including information on how donations can be made.

Note also that articles describing the FFLE appeared in the Daily and UW Today on February 17, March 2, and March 31.

2. **Co-Sponsor of Paul Courant Public Seminar.** With the Office of the Provost and the University Libraries, the FCUL co-sponsored a public seminar by Paul Courant from the University of Michigan on April 4, 2011. Professor Courant visited the UW to discuss relationships with the legislature, activities based budgeting, and libraries. His public seminar was of particular importance within the contexts of the quality of the UW Libraries collections, opportunities to support leadership in Libraries excellence, and fundamentally the practice of scholarship by UW faculty and students. In addition to broad attendance by UW Librarians, faculty, and staff, several Librarians from throughout Washington State were also in attendance at this important event.

3. **Review of the Libraries budget.** The Libraries budget was discussed at every FCUL meeting during the 2010-11 academic year. Dean Wilson, who consistently provided detail concerning reduction scenarios, response planning, and timelines, led discussions. The three-year strategic plan and the UW Program Evaluation Initiative provided context.
- **General activity updates/ discussions.** The FCUL also discussed and/or reviewed progress and activities related to the Research Commons; Librarian awards such as the Distinguished Librarian Award; the UW the scholarly publishing and open access infrastructure; collective collections/ multi-institutional approaches (notably UW participation in the Hathi Trust); proposed legislative changes to UW retirement plan and implications for the Libraries (e.g., House Bill 1981); and service innovations such as reflected in the activities of the Reference Desk Services Task Force and Library outreach services support for fee-based and distance programs.

**Council Members for 2010-11 Academic Year:**

**Faculty:** Joyce Cooper (Chair), Mechanical Engineering; Mark Kot, Applied Mathematics; Margaret Laird, Art; Diane Lattemann, Psychiatry; Edward Mack, Asian Languages and Literature; Pamela Mitchell, Nursing; Sonnet Retman, American Ethnic Studies; William Seaburg, Bothell Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences

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

**Ex-Officio Representatives:** Ellen Barker, PSO; Susanne Redalje, ALUW; Richard Kirkendall, UWRA; Cortney Leach, GPSS; Yooky Lee, ASUW