

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Libraries  
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., December 14, 2011  
Health Sciences Library

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1) Call to Order
  - 2) Review of minutes from November 16th, 2011 meeting
  - 3) Health Services Library Renovation / Introduction to Tania Bardyn
  - 4) Alternatives and Costs for use of Faculty Fund for Library Excellence
  - 5) New UW Provost
  - 6) Dean's Update
  - 7) Update on ALUW faculty status for librarians
  - 8) Adjournment
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**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Joyce Cooper at 2:32 p.m. Tania Bardyn, the new Health Services Library Director, was introduced to the Council by Tim Jewell.

**2. Review of minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting**

Minutes from the meeting on November 16, 2011 were approved as written.

**3. Health Services Library Renovation / Introduction to Tania Bardyn**

Tania Bardyn described her past experience and discussed the Health Services Library renovation. She described the shift to “flexible” work areas for students, similar to the Research Commons, re-carpeting and emphasizing the use of multimedia and presentation software. Bardyn discussed efforts to improve inter-professional curriculum, between dentistry, nursing, and doctors, increasing communication between disciplines. She noted another focus to involve librarians earlier in the research process, bibliographic support, data management and collection. Questions arose on how needs for databases and journals will be addressed, and Bardyn noted that she is working with Tim Jewell to shift from paper journals to electronic journals and books. She discussed an initiative to increase access to eJournals which is heavily supported by students.

Bardyn described the uniqueness of the WAMI (a four state regional medical education program between Washington Alaska Montana and Idaho) program, which the University of Washington (UW) is part of. This program sends medical students throughout the Pacific Northwest, concentrating on primary and rural healthcare, emphasizing information sharing across institutions. She contrasted the UW to her experience within University of California system, which licenses databases, journals and eBooks through a consortium of its schools. A question asked was on what the UW could learn from Bardyn’s experience at New York University and UCLA, which she responded that these schools leverage their size to influence deals with publishers, and negotiating with licenses. She contrasted her experience at NYU to the UW, and noted that educating students in learning hospitals is very different

research hospitals. When asked if UC system pays for open access to journals for faculty, Bardyn was unsure if this was routine and that this was achieved due to the University Librarian's efforts to obtain special funding. Jewell added similar negotiations to achieve cost-effectiveness by UW and UC Berkeley.

Bardyn is now the primary investigator with a five year contract to serve as the Regional Medical Library for Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, a contract that the UW has held for decades. She discussed the increase in volume of journals are included within shared resources of the region and highlighted difficulties of inclusion of open access journals due to different editorial standards. She also commented on the funding for the WAMI region came from the National Library of Medicine, adding funding is fairly secure and clarified that this is not a grant but rather a contract. Bardyn mentioned questions may come forth at a national level whether organizing the United States in the current regional strategy is effective. She added that there is increased scrutiny on this contract, with additional reviews which weren't required in the past, and that funding does not carry over to the next year.

WAMI budget is about \$17 million, which is a small part of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) budget. This funding employs 14 full-time staff to travel throughout the region to help them understand the databases and for conferences. She highlighted other NIH services available due to such funding: PubMed, Medline Plus, ClinicalTrials.gov. Further questions followed on the change of regional medical libraries, Bardyn noted that such awards depend on the capacity of the medical center enterprise to support the contract. She hoped there's no competition within the Oregon Health Sciences University, which would be sole competition.

#### **4. Alternatives and Costs for use of Faculty Fund for Library Excellence (FFE)**

Tim Jewell presented a revised and expanded version of his handout from the last meeting. He added examples and pricing information for the potential options earlier discussed. Jewell outlined corrected costs for JSTOR 10, and discussed one-time purchases in either this, the JSTOR Ireland collection, Project Muse and University Press Electronic book collections. He described what these collections entail. Jewell noted options for fund use, to access smaller or more specific collections, dedicating towards one-time or annual fees. He gave examples of both large and small purchases funded by the Allen Endowment. \$100,000 is currently held by the Libraries towards eBook pilots, which could enhance the ability of FFE funds if used towards eBooks.

Questions were raised regarding usage statistics of such different types of media. Jewell noted that statistics are being gathered on individual collections, and over time these should be integrated into buying strategies. Cooper suggested a dual goal for the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence: having a one or two year target to cover initial JSTOR Arts & Sciences costs, and some eBooks components. She requested Council members' input; Mack and Mark Kot noted support for this idea. Ted Mack mentioned that investing in eBooks shifts textbook costs from students to the libraries, and suggested that this be taken into account. He suggested that if decreasing student textbook burden, Libraries could seek support of Student Technology Fee (STF). The question was posed whether such electronic documents would be subject to proprietary platforms, and Jewell believes these collections are Digital Rights Management free. Betsy Wilson added that STF uses have been broadened to entail support of

staff salaries and could shift to support databases as well, and she will meet with STF in January. Other questions followed around the ability to store and continue to use electronic materials.

Cooper will write up a proposal for use of the Fund, and will send out the council members in order to assess support. She emphasized importance to fund broad resources across campus. Nanette Welton from the Health Science Library emphasized that JSTOR does not always support Health Sciences, and added that she is seeking back-files for eBooks such by publishers such as Elsevier. Discussion followed on how to best balance material funded across departments.

#### 5. **New UW Provost**

Pamela Mitchell represented the Council during one of the public forums announcing Dean Ana Mari Cauce as the president's choice for UW Provost, and had noted she was very impressed. Cooper believes Provost Cauce's vision will resonate with FCUL's efforts, as Cauce had emphasized shared resources. Discussion followed on Cauce's position towards libraries and their role within the University of Washington.

#### 6. **Dean's Update**

Betsy Wilson noted that she will send out her update electronically. She requested that Joe McKinstry, director of Undergraduate Library, present the changes to Odegaard Undergraduate Library at the next meeting.

#### 7. **Update on ALUW faculty status for librarians**

The Associated Librarians of the University of Washington (ALUW) will attend the next FCUL meeting. Prior to this, Cooper will meet with both the incoming and outgoing ALUW presidents to discuss the current status of faculty status for librarians. Cooper has requested that they bring the history regarding this issue at the University of Washington, history at peer institutions and potential issues. Laura Lillard will be the new president, and Sion Romaine will attend as well. Cooper requested that Council members form questions to pose to ALUW regarding this issue. She also noted that the distinguished librarian awards close on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and recommended submissions to be made soon.

The meeting continued as a tour through the Health Science Library.

#### 8. **Adjournment**

Chair Cooper adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

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**Present:**           **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Hicks (via Skype), Kot, Mack (remote), Latteman  
**President's Designee:** Wilson  
**Ex-Officio Reps:** Redalje, Kirkendall  
**Guests:** Nanette Welton, Tim Jewell, Tania Bardyn

**Absent:**           **Faculty:** Seaburg, Laird, Mitchell, Retman  
**Ex Officio Rep:** Barker