

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

The Faculty Council on University Libraries met at 1:35 p.m. on **Friday, December 14, 2007**, in the Petersen Room, Suzzallo-Allen Library. Chair Charles Wilkinson presided over the meeting.

Synopsis

1. Approval of the October 26, 2007 Minutes.
2. Faculty Studies Policy Update (Paul Constantine, Associate Dean of University Libraries, and Christine Gilbert, Library Cashier)
3. National Science Foundation DataNet Solicitation (Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries)
4. Review and Discussion of Scholarly Communication Meeting (Betsy Wilson and Charles Wilkinson)
5. Review of Recent Senate Executive Committee Meetings (Charles Wilkinson)
6. Discussion of Agenda Items for Future FCUL Meetings (Charles Wilkinson)

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of October 26, 2007.

The minutes of October 26, 2007 were approved as written.

2. Faculty Studies Policy Update – Paul Constantine & Christine Gilbert

There are 37 faculty study rooms available. Faculty used to sign up quarterly and show evidence of scholarly activity. When demand decreased, the two year limit on occupancy was not enforced. There is now a waiting list; currently 10 faculty members are on it. Some users have had their studies for 20 or 25 years. Over half the occupants have had a study for over two years; a third for over five years. Last week current users were notified that the two year limit has been reinstated. How much each study is actually used by the holder is not tracked. The studies are only big enough for one person. There are two large study rooms in Allen with lockable file drawers. Space there can be allotted to retired or visiting scholars. Lockers in the study rooms were discontinued due to noise and moved to graduate study rooms. There is no known current demand for undergraduate lockers.

3. National Science Foundation DataNet Solicitation – Betsy Wilson

Research data are proliferating and with proliferation comes access issues. The National Science Foundation will fund five organizations for five years to develop ways to manage and curate research data. Ann Ferguson, Stu Weibel and Neil Rambo are working on a proposal with the Libraries as primary leader with many partners. The letter of intent will be sent in early January. Even if the Libraries aren't asked for a full

proposal, the preliminary work has stimulated cross conversation with many other area institutions. NSF is looking for the development of new organizational methods across disciplines for digital data management addressing access, authentication of data tools, software, and hardware.

The preservation and retrieval of information stored in outdated media formats was discussed. Old databases on tape need to be rescued. Microfilm is good for many years, but other formats need to be continuously updated. University Archives and Special Collections have a great deal of original materials, film, tape etc. Technical services archivists are needed to preserve and restore non-paper archival material. There is a need to find methods of preservation of these varied materials in many subject areas including the performing arts. There was discussion of the Libraries' potential role in preserving visual records of regional arts performances and ethnic cultural events. The Libraries is currently working on performance archives and is also working with the UW Dance Program to preserve their performance records.

There is also a need to standardize and integrate administrative and business information management systems within all components of the University. Wilson is on the Information Management Advisory Committee (I-MAC) that will advise the administration on the integration of technology directions and planning of strategies to optimize the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of information management systems that support the University's mission.

4. Review and Discussion of Scholarly Communication Meeting – Betsy Wilson and Charles Wilkinson

A meeting on October 26 gathered guests, stakeholders, and Libraries staff involved with issues of changing models of scholarly communication. It opened with a discussion of escalating journal costs. Scholarly communication issues that UW Libraries are doing were reviewed. The Libraries scholarly communication website (www.lib.washington.edu/scholcomm/) is continually updated and contains links to many other resources. The University has adopted a statement on open access. The UW institutional repository has advantages and disadvantages, the primary disadvantage being that it is not user-friendly. There are copyright issues. Faculty would have to get permissions from all copyright holders before posting articles to the repository. The depository process needs to be streamlined.

Dissertation issues: students may have patentable or publishable material and would want material protected for a stated time period. UW doesn't require the electronic deposit of dissertations. Graduate students need to be advised about their publishing rights, how to prepare for publishing and make decisions on intellectual property. Perhaps students could "opt in" to e-dissertations instead of opting out. There would then be a self-selection process that might reduce issues with patents and copyrights.

Copyright awareness was also discussed. The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) has prepared an alternative copyright statement to be used prior to publication and also has information on book contracts.

Data management: should the institutional repository store data as well as publications? There was a question on the progress of congressional bills providing for open access on research paid for by government funds. The director of UW Press will attend the February FCUL meeting to discuss issues of monograph publishing.

5. Review of Recent Senate Executive Committee Meetings – Charles Wilkinson

President Emmert discussed the proposed North Sound campus of UW which is to serve Island, Snohomish and Skagit counties. It is the University's position that if the new campus is developed, it should be a four year college from the beginning. If the Legislature wants a new UW branch, money will have to be provided. Other institutions shouldn't lose funding to the new campus. Two tentative sites are being considered: Everett and Marysville. Business people in the area want a technical campus. President Emmert envisions a single administration for the new campus and Bothell if the Everett site is selected. The new campus would need library services, which would be run by Bothell. UW Bothell faculty are already offering courses in northern counties. If a fourth campus is developed, there will be licensing issues for electronic resources that will impact the Libraries.

A College for the Environment is under development. The Libraries has staff who have volunteered for relevant committees, and the Libraries will support the new College. It might not require major changes in Libraries organization.

There was a progress report from the Faculty Council on Educational Technology regarding plagiarism issues. There is a plan to develop a code of honor. Faculty are to participate in a pilot electronic program in which students will police themselves and use software to check their papers. The goal is to have software available to everyone on campus. Faculty will be advised on writing assignments that can't be plagiarized easily, for example by requesting papers that compare and contrast. The faculty's responsibility is to cut down on the temptation to cheat by careful design of assignments.

The Faculty Senate has approved a change in the faculty handbook, listing the "Dean of Libraries" instead of "Director of Libraries" as an *ex officio* member of the senate.

6. Discussion of Agenda Items for Future FCUL Meetings – Charles Wilkinson

The question of the status of librarians with regard to faculty members was suggested as a future topic for discussion. Since librarians have their own organizational and promotional structure similar to the faculty, is this issue relevant to the Libraries? Should librarians be members of the Faculty Senate or at least have representation? Librarians may be forgotten in administrative decisions that tend to focus on the larger constituencies of faculty, professional staff, and classified staff. Librarians at the other five institutions in Washington have full faculty standing.

The questions were posed whether browsing is still an activity that the users of the Libraries engage in, and if so, can it be facilitated? Electronic books are slowly increasing. They started as an add-on but are now being purchased as the sole source of some published material. How can we facilitate browsing of both electronic and

paper materials? New book shelves are disappearing. Lists of new books are now on the Libraries website but many users may be unaware of this resource. WorldCat Local also provides a great deal of information regarding the availability and location of resources. Constantine mentioned “snapshot” surveys that the Libraries performs to monitor ways in which users interact with Libraries’ resources. These could be used to determine the frequency of browsing.

Should faculty circulation policies be revisited? Faculty members can currently renew books indefinitely online without ever demonstrating actual possession of the books. Does this policy result in loss of books or at least the loss of availability to browsers?

Field trips for the FCUL were also discussed with specific reference to a tour of the Law Library.

Wilson distributed information on two upcoming events – Author and UW Professor David Shields will be featured at a lecture at the Friends of the Libraries Annual Meeting on January 25, 2008. The Literary Voices dinner will be on April 19 with National Book Award winner Sherman Alexie as the featured speaker.

PRESENT:

Professors: Wilkinson (chair), Bichindaritz, Kot, MacLachlan, Retman, Seaburg
President’s Designee: Wilson
Representatives: Banerjee, Bankson, Barker
Regular Guest: Chamberlin
Guests: Paul Constantine, Christine Gilbert

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Professors: Diment, Laird, Mitchell

ABSENT

(none)

Judy Schroeder, Recorder