

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
December 11, 2013, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Suzzallo 5th Floor – Conference Room East

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
2. Review of the Minutes from November 13, 2013
3. Vice Provost and Dean's Update
4. Scholarly Communication Activities and Developments
5. Engineering Library - Visioning Steering Group
6. Data Science Studio
7. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cooper at 2:30 p.m.

2. Review of the Minutes from November 13, 2013

Several revisions were made to the minutes from November 13th. The council will wait for the following meeting to approve the minutes to allow members to review the changes in its entirety.

3. Vice Provost and Dean's Update

The major focus this year is the UW libraries' system migration and opening of the Odegaard Undergraduate Library. The library has surpassed expectations and the new active learning classrooms have been phenomenal. Wilson encouraged members to walk through the classrooms to develop a sense of the usage during the day.

Since the last council meeting progress has been made correcting outstanding issues with the UW Libraries system migration. Suggestions made by the council, such as soliciting feedback via a university-wide email, were very useful in identifying ways to make improvements.

Work is being done to identify a possible site for a conservation facility. UW Libraries has finished the pre-design for the 4,000 square foot space and is happy with the proposed models, and a funding plan is in development. An animation produced by the new Senior Conservator allows one to "experience" the space as currently conceived. Wilson indicated that the council may wish to view the animation at a future meeting.

4. Scholarly Communication Activities and Developments

Tim Jewell, Director of Information Resources and Scholarly Communication, provided an update on recent activities and developments.

US Federal Government Initiatives and Responses

Developments on the federal level have been out for a while and are well known to the community. Originally, the National Institute of Health (NIH) established an open public access mandate which has not changed except for recent evaluations to ensure that applicants for funding are in compliance. Recently, the White House issued a directive from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (February 22, 2013) which recognizes the importance of access to data. Over the summer agencies have been filing their plans but they are not publicly available at this time. Jewell reemphasized this is a very significant development.

A publisher initiative called CHORUS has collaborated on a proposal to make articles available under the OSTP directive and other mandates. A university initiative called SHARE is a competing proposal to coordinate development and interoperability of institutional repositories for making articles and data publicly available. FASTR (Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013) is proposed legislation which would apply if OSTP directive is rescinded when a new administration is in office. The legislation would create a narrower embargo period, involve the same set of agencies, and set the same levels of funding as the OSTP directive.

The Durbin/Franken bill that is aimed at reducing textbook costs looks attractive but there is concern about passage in the US Senate.

UW Libraries Open Access Publishing Support

There are currently 10,000 open access journals in the world. When last checked there are approximately 1.5 million articles that are searchable. A report came out last summer indicating that the tipping point has been reached and more than 50% of articles are available some way through open access.

A website called "Beal's List" has created a list of possible predatory journal publishers that amount to scams. An applicant will submit a publishing fee of several thousand dollars with the unlikely chance that their article is ever published. In the event the article is published it will be located in a journal where peer review is not applied. Essentially, Beal's List acts as a "buyer beware" when authors are looking for an open access journal to publish their material.

The Public Library of Science (PLOS) membership discount plan has been discontinued. Currently, users pay a particular amount of money and UW-affiliated faculty members receive a 10% discount on article processing charges. In 2012 approximately \$20,000 was spent with 116 submissions and 102 articles published by UW researchers.

BioMed Central is a similar plan in which faculty members receive a 15% discount. UW has paid over \$10,000 and yielded \$26,000 in APC savings. Approximately 90 articles have been submitted and published through this plan.

SCOAP3 (Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access in Particle Physics Publishing) subscriptions are paid by the UW Libraries to cover the cost of open access. There has been 8 years of work in developing this plan and will finally begin in January.

Reveal Digital is another open access model being developed which will publish digital collections. A collection of works will be announced and described with an established fee schedule. Once an acceptable level of investment has been reached several years of the collection will be converted to open access.

Knowledge Unlatched is an open access ebook publishing initiative being coordinated by 8-10 university presses. UW is investing a small amount of money upfront and will have 15-20 ebooks available over the next couple of years. This is an experimental project to determine if this is something that can be expanded in the future.

A question was raised asking if Beal's List was promoting particular journals and if UW Libraries is associating with the website. There is no personal connection and the website is just a collection of opinions. While the opinions are well-founded, UW would rather see an organized effort that assists with identifying better and/or worse journals. Another possibility would be a website that provided information on the cost/benefit of publishing articles in certain open access journals. Jewell mentioned that several of the publishers have actually taken legal action against the website.

ETD (Electronic Thesis and Dissertations) Program

The American Historical Association (AHA) has stated that students are at risk if they make their theses and dissertations available through open access journals because they will not be able to get them published. However, from conversations and research within the ETD community it does not appear that would be the case. Jewell clarified that AHA's position is that institutions with ETD programs should allow dissertation authors to pursue publications by university presses, especially those who have 6-year embargos.

Another problematic issue is students in art history who are concerned about the legal ramifications with incorporating images of art into their theses or dissertations. For example, they are at risk if they include images that are discoverable in an open access environment and for which they do not have the rights. Jewell and Thom Deardorff are crafting guidelines, based mostly on visual resources, which provide suggestions to students who are in this situation to minimize risk.

Campus Outreach

Jewell notified the council about a new, open access journal called Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene. The first issue will be coming out shortly as part of its public launch. UW professor of Oceanography Jodi Deming is one of the editors.

Jewell reported on his presentation, "Journal Pricing, Libraries and Access", to the National Science Communication Institute conference on November 15th. During the presentation Jewell discussed the size and scope of the publishing market.

Jewell reported on Open Access Week in the Allen Library "breezeway". During the event Jewell had a conversation with Austin Wright-Pettibone, GPSS Director of University Affairs, about open access issues. GPSS has expressed interest in a resolution that favors open access.

Three faculty members in the Communications Department contacted Wilson directly about promoting open access within the department. The department chair asked the faculty and Jewell's group to

develop a proposal addressing open access principles and sharing information as part of a larger departmental mandate. A question was raised asking if there are other departments which are having this conversation. There are a few possibilities and it has been a point of discussion for librarians at recent ALUW meetings. Jewell's group has learned a lot by working with faculty in the Communications Department and wants to use this conversation as leverage in a larger UW setting.

5. Engineering Library - Visioning Steering Group

Cynthia Fugate was invited to discuss visioning of a reconceived Engineering library. The current library has structural challenges, is aging, and has not received much capital attention in the past. A steering committee has formed to review how the library can be used to better serve the engineering community as a library and academic support center. The work group is reviewing how the building can support engineering students and faculty which will involve soliciting user feedback. Additionally, the work group is looking at data from the Libraries triennial survey to study library use and examine what people want out of the learning spaces. Changes would include short term, quick fixes and long-term substantial adjustments. Funding has already been put into refurbishments to the first floor and expanding student work space.

6. Data Science Studio

The current physics/astronomy reading room is being reconceived as a data science studio in collaboration with Physics, Astronomy, the Libraries, Arts and Sciences, and the eScience Institute. This redevelopment is part of a large grant from the Sloan and Moore Foundation on data-driven research. The goal is to use the space for workshops and data support for staff, students and faculty across disciplines working with in data science. This would create a "water cooler" effect in which faculty from different backgrounds can discover solutions together on similar issues. Currently, there is a good connection with UW libraries in terms of data science through its Data Services program. The Libraries sees its particular role in making data accessible and in providing long-term curation of data.

The redevelopment will be a massive undertaking. However, this is a joint grant with NYU and UC Berkeley which are also developing data science space, so there will be additional support as this goes forward. Within the next week the Memorandum of Understanding will be signed and work will begin on identifying next steps with construction beginning after June 2013.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Cooper at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Cooper (Chair), Gillis-Bridges, Hill, Lattemann, Leveque, Nicoletta
 President's Designee: Wilson
 Ex Officio: Barker, Redalje, Kirkendall
 Guests: Cynthia Fugate

Absent: **Faculty:** n/a
 Ex Officio: Schroeder