

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Libraries
Wednesday, December 8, 2010
5th Floor Conference Room, Suzzallo Library

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of minutes
 2. Demonstration of the New Scholarly Communication Web Site
 3. Budget Planning (Program Evaluation Initiative, Reduction Scenarios, Timeline, Framework)
 4. The Collective Collection (Hathi Trust, Distributed Print Repository, Western Storage Trust)
 5. Announcements
 6. Adjournment
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 P.M.

1. Review and approval of minutes from October 27, 2010 meeting

The minutes of the October 27 meeting were approved with one change.

2. Demonstration of the New Scholarly Communication Web Site

Tim Jewell reintroduced the Scholarly Publishing and Open Access Issues website, now live at <http://lib.washington.edu/scholcomm/>, and demonstrated its use. He asked the council to take a look at the site and provide feedback.

3. Budget Planning (Program Evaluation Initiative, Reduction Scenarios, Timeline, Framework)

Dean Wilson gave a presentation on budget planning, noting that she would be soliciting feedback from FCUL in the next six weeks as they looked at the Libraries budget. She gave an overview of the Two Years to Two Decades (2y2d) initiative and the sustainable academic business plan, saying that it would be interesting to do the same in the Libraries.

Wilson then talked about the Program Evaluation Initiative, which the Libraries will be involved with as part of the academic evaluation. She distributed a draft document explaining the elements of the program evaluation and noted that an additional metric, Faculty Impact, had been added for the Libraries.

After displaying a 2010-13 strategy map, Wilson presented budget figures. She said the Libraries have roughly taken a 20% budget cut, which doesn't include a loss of purchasing power or the \$1 Million investment from the President's office. There is an increasing recognition that the Libraries have been

cut too severely, and she has lots of compelling stories about the impacts of the cuts. Wilson reiterated that the Libraries budget process will involve communication with FCUL.

Chair Cooper brought up considering the program evaluation and budget process together, and asked if metrics would show the impacts of cuts over time, and whether they would be used to compare programs. Wilson said her understanding is that they'll evaluate where they want to put new resources, but that the metrics can't be applied in a standardized manner.

4. The Collective Collection

Dean Wilson introduced the Collective Collection idea, which is the management of library collections at a level higher than the individual library. A classic example is interlibrary borrowing, but it can be broader with technology infrastructures. Currently, there are three important multi-institutional approaches: Distributed Print Repository (established by Orbis Cascade Alliance), WEST (Western Regional Storage Trust), and the Hathi Trust, all of which allow libraries to manage collections knowing what other libraries have and retaining items that nobody else has.

Wilson focused the conversation on the Hathi Trust, a digital library initiative which started out as the original Google Book Libraries. She estimated that there are 180,000 volumes at UW that are not anywhere else, and said UW would be contributing technical reports, Chinese rare books, and unique materials to the project. It could be a game changer for UW, which would be able to search the entire trust and link back to the UW collection. Council comments stressed the importance of quality scanning.

5. Announcements

Cooper said that the Senate Executive Committee had approved voting rights for ex-officio members of the Council, and recognized the President's Designee as an ex-officio member without vote.

The council also decided to move the January 5, 2011 meeting to the Research Commons in Allen Library.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM.

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Present: **Faculty:** Cooper(Chair), Kot, Lattemann, Retman
 President's Designee: Wilson
 Ex-Officio: Barker, Redalje, Kirkendall
 Guests: Chamberlin, Jewell

Absent: **Faculty:** Hicks, Laird, Mack, Mitchell, Seaburg