MINUTES
University Library Committee
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Memorial Library Room 362

Attendees

Voting Members

Faculty
- Karl Broman, Biostatistics and Medical Informatics
- Kyung-Sun Kim, School of Library and Information Studies
- Daniel Klingenberg, Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Eneida Mendonca, Biostatistics and Medical Informatics
- Larry Nesper, Anthropology
- Mary Trotter, Theatre & Drama

Academic Staff
- Ron Harris, English
- Allison Kaplan, School of Library & Information Studies

Students
- Nilay Vaish

Non-Voting Members

- Steven Barkan (LCC Liaison), Director, Law Library
- Phillip Braithwaite, Budget, Planning & Analysis
- Michael Enyart, Business Library
- Carrie Nelson, College Library
- Ed Van Gemert, Vice Provost for Libraries
- Alan Wolf, CIO Office

Also Present

- Deborah Helman, LCC, Wendt
- Lee Konrad, GLS, Library Exec Group
- Lesley Moyo, GLS, Library Exec Group
- Nancy Graff Schultz, GLS, Library Exec Group
- Natasha Veeser, GLS, Communications
- Lisa Wettleson, GLS, Steenbock
- Doug Way, GLS, Library Exec Group

Welcome and Introductions

This is the shared governance committee established in Faculty Policies & Procedures
https://www.secfac.wisc.edu/governance/fpp/Chapter_6.htm#646
Student reps will be assigned by ASM
This is the first year classified staff will be joining as part of shared governance.
We can expect student and classified staff reps in coming months

2014-2015 ULC Chair Election
Ed Van Gemert put Karl Broman in nomination for this year’s chair; there were no other nominees; Karl Broman was elected unanimously.

Karl Broman asks that we focus our hour-long meeting on strategy and discussion rather than information dissemination.

Committee members will receive updates and information in advance/outside of meetings so that meeting time can be spent in discussion to develop strategies to advance goals.

Ed Van Gemert would like to emphasize that this is not his committee, but the members’.

Meeting turned over to Karl Broman

Approval of ULC minutes from April 29, 2014
No changes
Minutes approved

Update Vice Provost for Libraries, Ed Van Gemert
Last year the libraries developed a strategic framework.

The General Libraries Executive Group have started to build goals and objectives to meet that framework and they can share them.

Ed Van Gemert and Karl Broman have met and suggest six areas of focus for the ULC for the coming year:

1. Strategies for the consolidation of print material and physical locations.
2. Strategies to advance a campus-wide discussion of an Open Access initiative at UW-Madison.
3. Strategies to achieve full funding and full participation in the CIC large acquisitions program.
4. Strategies to achieve an annual percentage increase for library acquisitions.
5. Strategies to build case statements for library inclusion in the University's comprehensive capital campaign.
Ed Van Gemert met with University Committee yesterday and they fully endorsed these six items.

Based on conversations with new Provost so far, we have opportunities, but progress will depend on the ULC and shared governance activity

The Provost will ultimately decide about Ed Van Gemert’s role on Dean’s Council; Ed Van Gemert would like us to pull out the proposal from 2012 and have this group look at it and then put it in front of the Provost

**ACTION:** Ed Van Gemert will send the 2012 proposal to the committee [sent via email 9/9]

Some discussion around whether or not the VP of Libraries should be a voting representative on the Deans’ Council with same status as Deans or on the council without Dean status/voting role.

**Discussion item #1: Strategies for improving collection funding**

Brief introduction by Doug Way, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Research Services.

Context about libraries’ collection budget (handout):
- Last rank in CIC, 49th in ARL
- General stagnation of collections budget esp. compared with CIC peers since 2000
- Since 2000 we’ve lost approx $4M in “buying power”
- Our serials spending has gone up 10% since 2000, to maintain collections, we would need to keep increasing about 7% per year
- ARL data resources: [http://www.arlstatistics.org/analytics](http://www.arlstatistics.org/analytics)

Request for discussion – what types of strategies should we have to get funds just to keep up with inflation and to join coalition purchases (CIC) that result in cost savings over the long-run?

If we were going to keep up with inflation campus-wide, we need $.5M per year ($.3M for GLS)

If we were going to contribute to CIC partnerships - $.5M to invest in journal and ebook packages

Karl Broman would like to see a version of the chart with the 2000 data and some clarifications about how this calculated and where the data comes from.

We need the +$.5M per year for some period of time
Ron Harris: We need to understand and articulate what we’ll notice if we don’t do these things; what will campus stakeholders see change if we don’t fund these things?

Ed Van Gemert is hearing from administrators – we need a “compelling story”; make a connection to specific research projects; demonstrate stories of a researcher struggling to find what they need

Allison Kaplan: we should be prepared to address the concern/question that we don’t have space for materials anyway, so do we need more space?

Lee Konrad: consider the costs of ILL

What would happen if faculty had to start paying for ILL?

We are currently the #1 borrower and #3 lender for ILL

Ron Harris: we should look at those ILL numbers and be able to tell that story; what will a continuing trend in this direction mean for costs to campus and access to resources in the long run? In the long run is ILL actually a greater cost than just making purchases now?

We can determine details about the what we’re borrowing – what disciplines and years.

[existing yearly internal reports related to ILL borrowing and lending:
  Borrowing: http://staff.library.wisc.edu/Reports/reportsi-l.html#libexp-borrow
  Lending: http://staff.library.wisc.edu/Reports/reportsi-l.html#libexp-docdel]

The net costs for borrowing will go up as our collections that can be lent will be less attractive.

Karl Broman: 1) tell one story in numbers for how we allocate our resources; how things have happened, quantitative benefits of investing now; 2) tell another story about the impact of specific research options – here’s how access to resources is impacting research –

Michael Enyart: is there any way to connect subscription access, etc, to the ability to meet research needs related to a particular grant?

It’s difficult to develop a direct correlation between some particular research project and the resources needed

Mary Trotter: when researching for her last book, she found great resources on campus until she needed resources about what happened after the year 2000, then she had to request everything from ILL

Let’s get Mary Trotter’s story of researching her last book as an example of the changing value of our collections and potential impact on research
Steven Barkan: Could we get info from the other CIC schools about what’s causing them to invest; why are the other provost’s investing? Ed Van Gemert thinks those schools have an understanding between the provost and the libraries about the regular inflationary costs so they’re built in to budgeting at those schools.

Who’s harmed by this – who’s complaining – ?

Daniel Klingenberg: where’s our collection budget coming from? Mostly 101 funds, endowments (~$300-400K), and a little from Big Ten revenue

Daniel Klingenberg: why don’t libraries get some distribution from indirects? Some have heard it’s to keep indirect rate lower and make proposals more appealing.

Nancy Graff Schultz: Library got $1800 from indirects last year

Karl Broman: feels strongly that we need to look at sharing the indirects with libraries

Ed Van Gemert: the provost indicated that at Illinois 2% of all new grants goes to libraries

Daniel Klingenberg: what increase in our indirects would equate to the library budget increase we need?

Phillip Braithwaite: thinks the library costs were part of some initial calculation of overhead/indirect costs for grants, but the details aren’t clear anymore

Mary Trotter: we should incorporate more discussion about how the libraries support teaching too and the cost-shifting/value associated with those resources

Ed Van Gemert will tell the provost we’re having this discussion and would like to say that ULC gives strong support to the statement that we need to fund the collection in this way.

**ACTION:** Ed Van Gemert and Doug Way are meeting with Provost next week and will get in touch with Karl Broman to update him on their discussion and decide how to frame next discussion item for next meeting agenda

**Discussion item #2: Strategies for developing a campus Open Access policy**

Brief introduction by Doug Way, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Research Services.
Examples of faculty at other schools encouraging open access policies; coming out of faculty governance, not libraries

About 40 schools overall have schools-wide policies and 20 in the works, many department/unit level policies

What is the interest? And what is the policy?

#1 publisher on our campus is PLOS

Ours was one of the first open access funds in the nation and it’s wrapped now

Faculty author says it costs more for her to publish in PLOS, but Ed Van Gemert points out, not if you consider the whole life cycle of the article

Eneida Mendonca: concerned about costs of publishing in open journals; some simply don’t have the funds to do it

Karl Broman would like this committee to look at what other schools have done and draft a policy that they can shepherd; a policy may not have a huge impact on its own, but is useful and worth going after, because it would get more scholars on campus talking about open access

We’ll return to open access discussion at a future meeting

Adjourn

Reminder:
Scholarly Publishing Symposium 2014, Thursday, October 30, 2014, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm, Pyle Center, UW-Madison.