Voting Members

Faculty
- Sabine Gross, German
- Daniel Klingenberg, Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Eneida Mendonca, Biostatistics & Medical Informatics
- Mary Trotter, English

Academic Staff
- Ron Harris, English

University Staff
- Joan Weckmueller, IT/Academic Technology

Students
- Jack Dorr

Non-Voting Members
- Julie Arensdorf, Memorial Library
- Steven Barkan (LCC Liaison), Director, Law Library
- Phillip Braithwaite, Budget, Planning & Analysis
- Carrie Nelson, College Library
- Ed Van Gemert, Vice Provost for Libraries

Also Present
- Nancy Graff Schultz, GLS, Library Exec Group
- Deborah Helman, LCC, Wendt
- Florence Hsia, History of Science, Integrated Liberal Studies, MLC
- Jim Jonas (for Anna Lewis, LCC), MERIT
- Lesley Moyo, GLS, Library Exec Group
- Julie Schneider, LCC, Ebling
Approve December Minutes
Approved with no corrections

Budget Projection and Additional Funding Needs, Ed Van Gemert filling in for Doug Way AUL Collections and Research Services

- 1999 was the last time UW System Libraries received funding for collections through the legislative budget process. Madison Libraries have received campus funding since that time.
- Have also received one-time funds, but this cannot be used to subscribe to periodicals, because of ongoing subscription costs.
- We remain the lowest in the CIC and ~60th in the ARL for collections funding, though we have not had success in making this comparison argument.
- [Committee took time to read memo from Doug Way dated January 18, 2016]
- At a previous ULC meeting, someone had suggested linking our resources to WARF.
- Questions:
  - How do we craft a proposal that will be of interest to WARF?
  - Is there an advocacy role(s) for the University Library Committee in order to be successful? If so, what does this advocacy look like?
- Discussion:
  - Florence Hsia: In the future, we will need to send our graduate students and researchers on trips to other institutions in order to conduct research
  - Sabine Gross: I can no longer tell colleagues and prospective students and faculty that we have one of the best libraries in the world
  - Carrie Nelson: What if we document what these budgets will look like for the next couple of years
  - Deb Helman: We could also include things that we were purchasing/subscribing to that we have already cut and how this affects materials
  - Eneida Mendonca: One of the goals of WARF is innovation, so research could be a connection to WARF—find a way to show how research supports innovation and recruitment of faculty and students
  - Carrie Nelson: Don’t include inflation in the first conversation
  - Steve Barkan: Comparisons are not going to be persuasive; the discussion needs to be on impact—what faculty and graduate students are not getting, what programs we’re not supporting, which faculty are leaving
  - Florence: WARF will want to make a capital investment in things that will have a return on investment.
  - Joan Weckmueller: Sometimes a picture is more effective than words
  - Sabine: The emphasis is on metrics, but if cuts disproportionately affect monographs, it will disproportionately affect certain disciplines, and that will have an effect on the quality of graduate students and faculty (the disciplines that use serials more tend to be the disciplines that bring in more money). This would be a supplemental argument, if it’s included at all.
  - Florence: Focus on these unintended consequences.
  - Ed: The deans are aware of our comparative budget issues, but there are other issues that are taking priority
  - Eneida: Very few faculty are aware of these issues or how it will affect them when resources start to get cut.
• Julie Arensdorf: At my previous institution, we had a similar situation, and we put together a presentation and 1-page infographic for the board of regents that pulled together national statistics on the impact of libraries on aspects such as recruitment, retention, and academic achievement, and we coupled this with student and faculty testimonies (we created profiles of an average prospective student, current student, and alumni member). Result was that instead of eliminating 2 of 4 floors of the library, we only lost 1.

• Jack Dorr: Sean and I are two of very few students who are aware of these resources—if you want their support, you will need to communicate this to students as well.

• Steve: We need to be careful about sharing any negative stories, because we’re in the confidence game. Students want to be proud of the institution.

• Sabine to Ed: At a future meeting, can you talk with us about how you work with the Foundation? (Ed: Yes, I will invite Ben Strand to attend)

Ongoing updates:

Memorial Library Committee Updates:
- Florence Hsia: It is currently in the language of the ULC that a member is to be delegated to represent ULC to MLC, and it might make more sense to do this the other way around because your charge is more broad and ours is more narrow. This seemed like an efficient way to facilitate communication between the two committees.
- The secretary of the faculty also suggested streamlining the composition of the MLC (currently 12+ members), which could be addressed by the University Committee. He was going to have some informal conversations about reporting structures.
- Dan: The faculty chair was also in agreement that a new plan moving forward should probably wait until consolidation is finished.
- Florence will also serve now as a member of the ULC.

Open Access Initiative:
- Ed: Karl Broman is scheduled to speak to the University Committee on February 15th about the OA Resolution that we passed

Implementation Teams for Consolidation Efforts:
- Ed: The Implementation teams for Chemistry and Geography have been established to include academic department staff and librarians to talk about the four pieces of consolidation: management of collections (both print & electronic), the realignment of staff, the repurposing of the spaces, and the restructuring of the services.
- Lesley Moyo: The implementation is going to take more time, because each instance of consolidation is going to have its own timeline and needs. There will be committees for each of these projects. Chemistry has a timeline for collection consolidation and building work (now through February 2017). Geography will likely follow Chemistry. SOHE is also ready to make a move, as is the Veterinary Medicine Reading Room. Storage and processing of materials and future support for constituents all come into play in each of these situations. This will take time (3-5 years) and will keep coming back to the ULC accordingly.
- Dan: As Sean noted in the last meeting, it would be good to solicit more feedback from students.
- Ed: There is a shared print management forum on April 7 in Memorial Library 126

Public Access Education and Compliance Task Force
- Ed: The chair of the ULC writes an annual report for the University Committee
• Dan: I recommend that a small sub-committee work on this. We can work out the details at the next meeting.
• Ed: Essentially this summarizes the meeting minutes. This will be due for the summer.

Campus Libraries Facilities Master Plan
• Ed: These have been conducted for other spaces on campus. Master plans are very expensive, though the library only pays a portion. I’m really looking forward to an external review. The RFPC works with an architect and a library designer, and examines space needs through disciplinary lenses across campus. May use: http://brightspotstrategy.com/ This will take approximately a year to conduct this work.

Reserve time at a subsequent ULC meeting for the election of the 2017-2017 ULC chair
• Dan: Let’s not wait until late summer to elect a new chair. So if anyone has a strong desire to serve, please keep this in mind.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm