MINUTES

University Library Committee
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Memorial Library, Room 362
Minutes prepared by Michael Cohen

(* denotes members in attendance)

Voting Members

Faculty
• Cecile Ane, Botany and Statistics
• Catherine Arnott Smith, Library & Information Studies*
• Yang Bai, Physics
• Lisa Bratzke, School of Nursing*
• Sabine Gross, German*
• Eneida Mendonca, Biostatistics and Medical Informatics
• Sarah Thal, History*
• Alessandro Senes, Biochemistry*

Academic Staff
• Cid Freitag, DoIT *
• Carol Pech, School of Medicine and Public Health*

University Staff
• Jordan Hanson, University Relations*
• Theresa Pillar-Groesbeck, Theatre & Drama

Students
• Jesse Hocking*
• Melissa Juvinall
• Andrew Pietroske

Ex Officio Members (non-voting)
• Ian Benton, College Library*
• Philip Braithwaite, Budget, Planning, & Analysis
• Michael Cohen, Cataloging & Metadata Services, Libraries*
• Florence Hsia (MLC Liaison), History*
• Dennis Lloyd, Director, University of Wisconsin Press*
• Bonnie Shucha (LCC Liaison), Law Library*
• Ed Van Gemert, Vice Provost for Libraries*
Also Present

- Larry Ashmun, Southeast Asian & Hmong Studies Librarian
- Gary Brown, Facilities Planning & Management
- Paloma Celis Carbajal, Latin American and French & Italian Librarian
- Nancy Graff Schultz, Assoc. Dir. for Administration
- Julianne Haahr, Western European Studies Librarian
- Chris Hooper-Lane, Interim Director of Ebling Library
- Lee Konrad, AUL for Technology Strategies and Data Services
- Carrie Kruse, Director of College Library
- Anna Lewis, Co-Director of MERIT Library
- Lesley Moyo, AUL for Public Services
- Natasha Veeser, University Relations Specialist
- Doug Way, AUL for Collections and Research Services

Agenda

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<td>ULC Response to the UW Libraries Facilities Master Plan</td>
<td>Finalize and approve report for attaching to Consultant's Final Report and submitting to Campus Planning Committee.</td>
<td>As charged by the University Committee; Sabine Gross, Florence Hsia, and Carol Pech will present the draft of the ULC Response to the UW Libraries Facilities Master Plan and lead discussion.</td>
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- Announcements
  - Cecile Ane and Eneida Mendonca are rotating off ULC at the end of this semester; we thank them for their service
  - Jordan Hanson, University Relations, was introduced as the new (voting) University Staff representative

- ULC chair for 2018/19
  - Sabine Gross offered to continue as chair for next year; she was elected unanimously
  - Lisa Bratzke: continuity in the chair is especially important for next year as ULC begins working with a new Vice Provost for Libraries

- Minutes from 3/15/18: Approved with corrections
ULC Response to the UW Libraries Facilities Master Plan

Summary
- A ULC ad hoc subcommittee of Sabine, Florence Hsia, and Carol Pech drafted an Advisory Response to the Facilities Master Plan as requested by the University Committee
- A decision was made to focus on what was missing and what Campus Planning needs to know in moving the Plan forward, and not to dwell on flaws in the process
- A similar library review at UT Austin recently resulted in the decision not to close their Fine Arts Library; this might be added as a footnote to the ULC’s Response
- Although only a few representative letters were included in the appendix, Ian Benton is looking into options for archiving the entire campus response

Discussion
- Sarah Thal thanked the ad hoc subcommittee for their thorough and excellent work in such a short time
- Catherine Arnott Smith: references to the Univ. of Chicago need to be clarified since their remote storage, while not browsable, is underground on site and therefore has quick retrieval time; Florence added that Chicago has dedicated space for examining large runs of retrieved material
- Cid Freitag: the letters included in the appendix focus on research and not teaching; Sabine noted that this was largely representative of the faculty response but quotations from letters addressing teaching needs could be added
- Ed Van Gemert expressed appreciation for the Response which provides context and conclusions; ULC and campus Libraries need to work together to implement a plan that has Campus support
- Doug Way pointed out some additional data points and statistical methods that could support the ULC’s arguments for browsable
  - Univ. of Chicago’s research, while arguing to retain single use items on campus, did not lead to the conclusion that they must be browsable
  - Data on single use items in Table 3 does not give an accurate picture of total collection use
  - Aggregate data in Table 3 does not show trend of declining print use over time
  - Comparisons of print and electronic book use contain unsupported assumptions and do not really support the argument for browsable collections
- Florence noted the problem of comparing usage data for print with electronic books; Doug commented that nevertheless the trends for print show declining use over the last decade
- Dennis Lloyd: the statistical analysis in the Response tended to interrupt the flow of the narrative argument; Sabine commented that it was included because it reflected a stated desire by administrators and some attendees at the IRH symposium to have data available
Carrie Kruse: librarians have been struggling for years on how to best utilize (insufficient) usage data; librarian expertise should be part of the difficult process of deciding what needs to be browsable and what could be shelved off site

Sabine suggests that ULC take up the question of browsing data next year

Paloma Celis Carbajal: librarians should be consulted as the experts on how library resources, spaces, and services are used by all categories of patrons

Lesley Moyo: communication needs to clarify that the ULC Response focuses on just selected parts of the Master Plan and not the entire proposal, which addresses future needs for stacks, staff, users, spaces – all of which can be adjusted within the limits of the library footprint imposed by campus

Outcomes

- Given the time restraints of finalizing the Response for the upcoming Campus Planning meeting, the ad hoc subcommittee will finalize the report based on today's discussion and forward it on without further review by ULC (so moved by Bratzke and approved unanimously)
- Final ULC Response will be distributed to
  - Facilities Planning & Management
  - Office of the Provost
  - University Committee
  - University Library Committee
  - Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
- Sabine: one of the tasks for ULC next year should be to help align the Libraries Facilities Master Plan with the Strategic Goals and Collection Development Plan

Other Business

- The University Library Committee recognizes and thanks Ed Van Gemert for his years of service and leadership for Campus Libraries; a retirement party will be held in the Pyle Center Alumni Lounge on May 31
- Paloma asked that the time and place of the ULC meetings be better communicated to library staff; Ian will remind staff to subscribe to ulcinfo-lib@lists.wisc.edu