

University Committee on Libraries
May 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in Café DeGrasta by Chairman David Smith. Also in attendance were Harvey Bender, Wesley Calvert, Ryan Finlen, Roger Jacobs, Charles Rosenberg, Mihir Sen, Marsha Stevenson, John Weber, Jennifer Younger, observer Gay Dannelly and secretary Melodie Eiteljorge.

The minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2004 were approved as written.

Director's Report:

- Younger reported that on May 5 she and Roger Jacobs attended the first annual meeting of Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) in Indianapolis. The group is working on a number of things, including a proposal for On-site reciprocal borrowing. This would provide reciprocal borrowing for member libraries' faculty, staff and students. There was further discussion of this, and members raised several questions and concerns. Currently Notre Dame has a similar agreement with the Michiana Academic Libraries Consortium (MALC) libraries, which includes Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Bethel. Beyond that Indiana libraries currently can only borrow through interlibrary loan. Concerns expressed about the proposed plan included:
 - ▶ Opening this up to students throughout Indiana might bring in more traffic during peak periods and might also result in some books not being available to Notre Dame students when needed. We would be a net lender.
 - ▶ Who would be responsible for getting books back when they were overdue or recalled? The borrower's institution should have that responsibility.
 - ▶ Notre Dame's one-year loan period for faculty should be shortened for reciprocal borrowers.
 - ▶ Online renewal would not be an option since it requires a Net ID. We could require that books be returned at the end of a borrowing period without the possibility of immediate renewal.
 - ▶ We could limit the number of books that could be checked out at once.

Jacobs added that Jennifer Younger, having served as President of ALI during its first year, was re-elected by acclamation.

- Younger also reported that the Registrar has released four seminar rooms in the tower of the Hesburgh Library for

graduate student use. There has been a push for more graduate student study space and this is a response to that issue. The library, Graduate School and Graduate Student Union will collaborate in looking at options for the re-configuration of this space.

- After the undergraduate students passed the resolution supporting the Libraries in joining the campus-wide quota system for student printing, Marsha Stevenson held several conversations with Wesley Calvert, UCL graduate student member. The library will find ways to support graduate student printing which could be more extensive than that of undergraduates. The library will make the transition over the summer and implement the print management system in Hesburgh Library and the branches as is possible. Currently, it is only the Mahaffey Business Information Center (BIC) which is part of the quota system and only BIC and the Hesburgh Library first floor Reference Department printers which are on the Pharos print management system (known as PRINT@ND).
- Younger reported that she attended the University's first Journal Editors Roundtable on April 30 which was initiated by Greg Sterling, Arts and Letters, Steven Buechler, Science, James Powell, Graduate School and herself. Journal editors stated they need the ability to handle subscriptions online and journal management software, which will be pursued via ND e-marketplace and a review of existing systems available for use.
- Younger reported on the JSTOR Amicus Curiae Brief on the concerns of archives and libraries for being able to digitize content for access and preservation.

Chair's Report:

- Smith reported that he contacted Seth Brown, chair of the Faculty Senate, in regard to the committee's proposed resolution on access to scholarly literature. The Senate has only one more meeting this academic year, and the agenda is already full. However, Brown did express interest in this topic. Smith will provide him with further data and background before the Senate convenes in the fall.
- Dave Smith, Gail Bederman and Jennifer Younger, who met previously with Cynthia Maciejczyk, Director of Communication Projects and Planning, are setting up another meeting for early summer. Some progress has been made since their earlier meeting in outlining a set of strategies that UCL can use for communicating with university faculty. Their strategies will build on what the library faculty have already done in creating a website on general journal cancellations as well as communicating more directly on what UCL is doing, including Smith's contact with the Faculty

Senate. UCL also intends to link up with other library committees, especially the Arts and Letters Library Committee. The group is considering informing the faculty via a Factotal email using an FAQ format with links so that the email itself would not be too long.

Task Force on University Libraries:

Younger distributed the charge of the new task force. John Affleck-Graves was originally designated as chair of the task force, but that might change since his position is changing. Librarians Jennifer Younger, Gay Dannelly, Steve Hayes and Roger Jacobs are on the task force, as well as David Smith as chair of UCL. The work of the task force is to be completed by October.

Bender suggested that UCL should be an information vehicle for the task force and that the task force should make a physical visit to the Hesburgh Library during a busy time. Smith asks that UCL members send further suggestions or revisions to him via email. He will incorporate these changes and additions and send a revision to the committee.

Committee's Annual Report:

Smith distributed a draft of his report. There was a lengthy discussion of the report and several suggestions were made for additions. It was agreed that the report should include an executive summary and that it should be posted on the web with hot links from the summary to various parts of the document.

Although not for the annual report, the question was raised as to whether there is a white paper on the effects of digitization on library operations. Digitization is a major factor in how libraries will operate in the future and the question was raised and this might be a theme for next year.

Other Business:

Rosenberg offered a motion to thank David Smith for his work as chair this year. The committee unanimously agreed. The committee also thanked departing members Harvey Bender, Biological Sciences, former chair and long time member, Mihir Sen, Engineering, and David Smith, current chair. (Subsequent to the meeting Smith was elected to serve another term as an at-large member.) Thanks also to student representatives Wesley Calvert and Ryan Finlen.

The committee also expressed appreciation in memoriam to Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., in recognition of his continued support for the library and dedication to the University over the years.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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