

University Committee on Libraries
April 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. Café DeGrasta by Chairman David Smith. Also in attendance were Gail Bederman, Harvey Bender, Wesley Calvert, Roger Jacobs, Walter "Jack" Pratt, Charles Rosenberg, Mihir Sen, John Weber, Gordon Wishon, Jennifer Younger, observers Gay Dannelly and Dan Marmion, and secretary Melodie Eiteljorge.

The minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2004 were approved as corrected via email.

Director's Report: Younger thanked Wesley Calvert for his service on the 2004 Foik Award Committee.

- * Younger has given some suggestions to Nathan Hatch for the charge of the new blue ribbon task force he is establishing to address library issues.
- * Gay Dannelly continues to work with librarians on data gathering to assist in deciding whether to continue or not the subscriptions to some, all or none of the e-journal packages.
- * John Unsworth, Dean of the Graduate School of Library & Information Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, was on campus to give a lecture on open access on March 23. This was very well attended.
- * The Libraries are presently conducting an internal communications survey with the assistance of consultant Lou Wetherbee. Younger will report back on the results of that.
- * Younger circulated a copy of *ND Works* featuring an article by Gail Hinchion Mancini: *Libraries at the Crossroads: electronic journals create a connection and a crisis*. She has also distributed this issue to our advisory council.
- * Notre Dame journal editors will hold a roundtable at the end of April. This is sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Science, the Graduate School, and the University Libraries. It will address needs, best practices and ways to help each other, and it is intended to be ongoing.
- * Jennifer Younger and Gordon Wishon are participating in an executive roundtable for the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) on April 15. The topic is identity management. Wishon noted that they will address how we manage and authenticate patrons of all sorts as well as privacy and security issues. Indiana University is also participating.
- * Younger circulated a document submitted to the Undergraduate Student Government by Ryan Finlen: "Resolution Expanding the Pharos Student Printing Account System to the University Libraries". She commended Finlen for his initiative in taking this forward and reported that it was passed. She added that she still thinks it's a wise use of library resources to pay for an increased quota.

* The Libraries have recently received two grants. One is an NEH grant for preservation of Catholic theology books. The other is to purchase equipment to support geographic data in the Engineering Library.

University Committee on Libraries Annual Report: Smith will draft an annual report and distribute it to the committee for review and input. Calvert reported that he also wrote an annual report to the Graduate School Council. In a brief discussion, the following were noted as highlights of the year's discussions: the continuing impact of inflation; strategic planning; communication within the Libraries and beyond. Weber suggested that we begin with an executive summary, perhaps a graph about serials. It was agreed that we should include something with a visual impact.

Resolution on access to scholarly literature: Jacobs distributed resolutions from the faculty senates of the University of Connecticut and Stanford. He asked if this committee should submit a proposal to our Faculty Senate suggesting that Notre Dame issue a similar resolution. There was a lengthy discussion. It was agreed that chair David Smith will call Seth Brown, stating that we share this concern with other scholarly institutions and that we would like to commit to the Faculty Senate these examples for their consideration and hopefully a resolution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie Eiteljorge
Secretary