

University Committee on Libraries
October 9, 2003

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

The minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2003 were approved as written.

Younger announced that on Wednesday, October 8, she chaired a board meeting of Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) in Indianapolis. ALI is a new consortium whose mission is "To enhance and enrich access to the full range of resources and services required to improve the quality of teaching, learning, and research in our colleges and universities through collaboration and resource sharing."

On October 6 a student reporter from the *Observer* interviewed Younger regarding the USA PATRIOT Act (Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism) of 2001.

The Patriot Act, enacted in October 2001 in direct response to the September 11 terrorist attacks that year, broadly expands the powers of federal law enforcement agencies investigating cases involving foreign intelligence and international terrorism. The measure requires local governments to disclose personal information -- such as library records -- in response to requests from FBI agents. After the fact, those receiving the requested are not allowed to discuss the investigation.

Younger noted that questions for the discussion on journal packaging and pricing, an agenda item for the November meeting, can be sent in advance to her, to Gay Dannelly or to Melodie Eiteljorge.

Younger provided two handouts for the main agenda topic: Library strategic planning and implementation plan. The first was a listing of the seven major goals sent to the provost, and the second was a more detailed version including action items, time frames, and University partners for these goals.

There was a lengthy discussion of the goals and their impact on future planning. Bederman expressed serious concern that the goals did not adequately represent undergraduate research and the humanities. Younger responded that some of the goals for these areas are 1) already priorities or 2) addressed in other ways, e.g. through assessment measures such as LIBQual+ survey of

faculty perceptions on adequacy of access to information and library collections. However, Younger agreed that this is unclear as the goals are stated, and she will update and revise the goals to reflect that. She will bring these revisions back to the committee.

Under Goal #5, "Increase the effectiveness of the Libraries' organization," Weber noted the first action item: "Establish mechanisms to enhance internal library communication." In connection with this, he asked library representative Marsha Stevenson about perceptions regarding the effectiveness of communication. She will report back to UCL. Younger added that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee (SPSC) has conducted open forums and that a discussion was on the agenda for the faculty meeting later that afternoon. In addition, the associate directors have been in close contact with their department heads in setting goals. SPSC is representative of both faculty and staff from throughout the library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie Eiteljorge
Secretary