

University Library Committee
Minutes
April 22, 1999

PRESENT: James Bailey, Elliott Dale, Lucy Lynch, Jeff Ostler, James Schombert, George Shipman, Ray Weldon.

GUESTS: Andrew Bonamici, Associate University Librarian for Administrative Services & Personnel; Deborah Carver, Associate University Librarian for Public Services & Collections.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Schombert, chair, at 1:00 p.m.

MATH LIBRARY

J. Schombert reported that at the March 10 Senate meeting, he presented the ULC's recommendations on the location and collection of the Math Library - concluding that the Math Library remains in its current location, but that a new security system be installed. Jim emphasized that having the Math Library within the Mathematics Department serves as a very important recruiting tool for Mathematics. There was some concerns expressed by Senator Gene Luks, Computer and Information Science. He is concerned with the security of books in the Math Library and is in disagreement with the policy that Math faculty are able to acquire keys to the Math Library for after-hours use.

Shipman responded that most computer science materials are currently housed in the Science Library. They were moved from the Mathematics Library several years ago (1991). However, there are still some interdisciplinary resources and some older books that remain in the Math Library. Shipman suggested that he contact Prof. Luks to set up a meeting with Computer Science faculty to discuss these concerns further.

GRADUATE CARRELS

Shipman discussed the memo he recently sent to the ULC on the library providing carrel space to graduate students. He understands the ULC's recommendation to provide graduate students with quiet study space, but does not feel that would be the best way to utilize this kind of space. The majority of requests that the Librarian's Office receives from graduate students about carrel use is having a place to work and store materials while finishing their theses/dissertations. The library currently has several group study rooms that students can reserve for quiet study space. The committee agreed with Shipman's recommendation. Assignments for these carrels would be at least for one term. When the student's term is up, it was suggested to ask them to complete a survey to see if the carrel process helped meet their needs as a graduate student. D. Carver stated that she recently discussed the two ideas for graduate carrel use with Marian Friestad, Dean of the Graduate School. Marian stated that the discussions she has had with graduate students about this issue favor the proposal of providing space for those needing to do extensive library research while finishing their theses.

LIBRARY FURNISHINGS

Shipman stated that during the library renovation and expansion project, there was a furnishings plan for public service areas. After the building project was completed, there were no funds remaining to follow through with the furnishings plan. Today's cost to furnish the building would be at least \$1.2 million. When additional funding has been secured, the library will begin the furnishings phase. Shipman stated that if there is interest from the ULC members, a presentation on library furnishings could be given at a future ULC meeting.

NEW ULC CHAIR

Schombert said there are five members eligible for serving as chair of the ULC next year. Because only one of those five members was present at this meeting, Schombert will send them an email asking for someone to volunteer. If someone does volunteer, it will not be necessary to have another meeting this term. Schombert will notify the committee after he has contacted the five members.

LIBRARY GIFT

Shipman announced that a library donor in Sequim, WA recently passed away and has left her house and the majority of its contents to the library. The amount of the gift will be in the range of \$300,000 - \$350,000. An announcement will appear in a future News & Views issue. Her husband, who died several years ago, was a graduate of the UO Library School.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Sheila Gray
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