University Library Committee
Minutes
February 20, 2014

PRESENT: Deb Carver, Chris Sinclair, Debra Merskin, Michal Young, David Wacks, Denise Gigliotti, Jimmy Murray, Lori Kruckenberg, RJ Cao, Amy Lobben, Mark Watson, Andrew Bonamici

Learning Management System Update

Deb provided an update on the progress being made by the Learning Management System task force. The LMS task force has selected five platforms to test during winter and spring terms:

- Blackboard
- Oba by UO
- Desire2Learn
- Canvas by Instructure
- Sakai by Longsight

There are 50-60 faculty, GTFs and technical support staff who will be testing all five systems during this term (Winter 2014). There will be 2-3 vendors selected for live pilot testing spring term. The task force hopes to have its recommendation by the end of spring term. It is expected that the new platform will be implemented either Winter or Spring of 2015. If Blackboard is not the vendor selected, it will continue to be available during the transition. There will be experts available to assist the campus during the implementation. Go here for up-to-date information on the progress of the LMS process.

Library System Update

The Shared Integrated Library System (ILS) will be implemented at the UO library early summer. We are the third group within the Orbis Cascade Alliance going through the migration process. Currently, library staff are being trained on the new system. This is an enormous project – all data has to be exported to the new system. We will have a test database spring term in order to make necessary adjustments before going live this summer. The new system will look similar to WorldCat. The UO Local Catalog will no longer exist as we will be sharing a single database with all Orbis Cascade libraries.

Remote Storage Facility

The UO Library is one of a very few large research libraries that do not have off-site storage facilities for materials. This was discussed several years ago and we are seeing a renewed interest, especially as ideas for partnerships with other campus units and departments raise the possibility of transforming space currently used for shelving. For example, there are discussions currently taking place with Undergraduate Studies to relocate their services to the Knight Library. If that were to happen, the library would need to store low use printed materials off site in order to free up space needed for the project that would create an Academic Commons where a wide variety of student support services could be offered in one location.

ULC members suggested inviting Lisa Freinkel, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, to the next ULC meeting to further discuss the potential collaboration with UGS and the Library. Discussions to date have centered on a first phase - providing mentoring and tutoring services for students.

It was suggested that ULC members view the Hunt Library to see how that facility has integrated student services into a library context.

Science Commons and Research Library Update

Deb reported that the Science Commons project is now fully funded. This year has focused on the design phase. Ground breaking is expected to begin Winter 2015. The new facility will be in the same location as the current library, but will have one level on top of ground. The library will be similar to the Hunt Library, but on a much smaller scale.

Carrels for Emeriti Faculty

Several emeriti have asked the library to consider allowing them access to faculty studies (carrels) in the library. There are many emeriti who continue to do research and this would be a benefit to them as they no longer have office space on campus. Use of faculty studies has greatly diminished over the past several. ULC members agreed to allow emeriti use of these rooms, in addition to other faculty. Deb will present this to the Deans for their input.

FY15 Library Budget

Deb reviewed a handout outlining the library's FY15 Library Budget Request.

As is:

	Collections Inflation	$294,356
	Blackboard Contract Inflation	$ 3,759
	Contractual labor costs (classified COLA, health care, etc) [5/27/14 update: received]	$404,814
	Subtotal	$702,929

New Initiatives:

#1	LMS Implementation [5/27/14 update: approved]	$430,992
#2	Academic Commons (space renovation) [5/27/14 update: approved]	$198,000
#3	User Experience Team	$224,938
	Subtotal	$853,930

There is pressure on the 'As Is' budget because of salary increases. We should know more in April. The User Experience Team has evolved from the library getting many requests from several units across campus needing help with the web user experience. We need to add staff in order to provide that service. It is unlikely that the library will receive funding for items #2 or #3. We are hoping for some funds to support #1 – LMS Implementation.

Dean of Libraries Search Update

The Dean of Libraries search is going well. The interview dates that are being considered are March 31/April 1, April 7/8, and April 14/15. The ULC will be asked to meet with each candidate. We will keep the committee informed as the search progresses.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Submitted by Sheila Gray