

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Minutes

May 20, 1997

Present: Jerry Diethelm, Anne McLucas, Margaret Prentice, Augustine Thompson, George Shipman.

Absent: Phil Ferguson, Robert Haskett.

Guest: Deborah Carver, Associate University Librarian for Public Services and Collections.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Margaret Prentice, chair.

Copyright Issues

Shipman announced that Prue Adler of the Association of Research Libraries has agreed to visit the University of Oregon this summer to discuss with members of the University community issues facing higher education. She is a registered lobbyist and is responsible for tracking legislation on scholarly information. The ULC should work closely with Library Administration in planning this seminar. Discussions could include copyright issues facing higher education today and in the future; how institutions and scholars should deal with publishers, site licensing, and the roles of faculty, university administrators and legal counsel. McLucas added that, in addition to scholars, the university is also represented by various performers and musicians. Adler will get back to Shipman with her summer schedule. Shipman asked the members to start thinking of other staff/departments/committees that should be involved with the planning process. Shipman said that numerous library staff will be involved. McLucas suggested having a meeting with faculty before Ms. Adler arrives to see what issues they would like her to address. Shipman will keep the ULC members informed of his discussions with Adler.

Reserves Policy Modification

Carver announced that the Library will be modifying its reserves procedures so that one signature will be required on each request list. This will make the process much easier for faculty, but will still show that we are adhering to copyright laws. Faculty will still be responsible for making decisions regarding fair use.

1997/98 Library Budget

Shipman distributed a handout on the library's preliminary budget. Because of a 3% holdback to the increased funding for the coming year, there is only a net increase of \$140,860 for the overall budget. In addition to funding acquisitions and supplies/services from that augment, the library must also fund \$60,000 in faculty salary increases; \$85,000 in merit increases for classified staff; and increases to the minimum wage for student employees.

Shipman added that the processing of library material also needs attention. Because of a decrease in technical services staff in the late '70s, the library continues to deal with bibliographic backlogs. Much progress has been made but it is slow and fragile. Staff, supplies & services cutting will adversely affect potential for progress. Also, there are approximately 250,000 items that have not been entered into the online catalog. Shipman estimates the retrospective conversion of those titles could take 10 years. He does not see how these projects can move forward, given the current budgetary figures.

The library plans to hold several meetings this summer to discuss different strategies to deal with the 3% holdback. Shipman would like members of the current ULC and members of the 1997/98 ULC to participate in these discussions on budget strategies.

The 1997/98 ULC committee members include:

1. Peter Gilkey (chair), Mathematics
2. James Bailey, Academic Advising
3. Frances Cogan, Honors College
4. Lucy Lynch, Computing Center
5. John Nicols, History
6. Margaret Prentice (past chair), AAA
7. Regina Psaki, Romance Languages
8. Gordon Sayre, English
9. James Schombert, Physics
10. Ray Weldon, Geology
11. Sergey Yuzvinsky, Mathematics

Prentice will contact Carl Bybee, President of the Senate, to find out when the current committee's term ends and she will also contact Peter Gilkey regarding the possibility of the 97/98 ULC attending these summer meetings. It was also suggested to send notices of the meetings to departmental representatives, deans, and department heads to encourage their involvement. S. Gray will contact committee members regarding their summer schedules.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by
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