

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

January 23, 2002

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Deb Carver, Andre Djiffack, Peter O'Day, Dan Pope, Gina Psaki, Michael Raymer, Peter Watts.

GUEST: Andrew Bonamici, Associate University Librarian for Administrative & Media Services.

Dan Pope, chair, convened the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

LIBRARY MATERIALS BUDGET

Deb discussed her January 10, 2002 memo to the ULC on the library's materials budget. This memo is in response to the concerns that the committee expressed at its last meeting about the proposal to reduce the materials budget to help offset the library's deficit. After conferring with the provost, a new strategy is being used. In sum, the materials expenditures will be reduced by \$100,000. Approximately half of this amount will come from approval plan modifications and cuts in processing, document delivery, and replacements for lost items (available through Orbis). Approximately \$40,000 will come from unspent departmental allocations at the end of the year. Existing serial expenditures will not be cut, although no new funding will be available for journal purchases. The memo, outlining this strategy, can be viewed at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/ulc/dir01/budgetupdate.htm> Library Administration is projecting a deficit at the end of this year to be under \$200,000.

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND FREE BORROWING PRIVILEGES TO THE PUBLIC

Deb discussed the handout outlining the proposal to investigate free borrowing privileges for the general public. See http://libweb.uoregon.edu/ulc/dir01/free_borrowing.htm The task force is proposing that the library establish a new service available to Oregon residents 18 years or older, free of charge, which would consist of a two week check-out period with one renewal. After reviewing the benefits and concerns of the proposal, most members agreed that a two week check-out limit should not interfere with UO faculty and student research, and could be a valuable tool in promoting goodwill within the community and state. It was suggested that the library consider asking its donors for monetary support to help offset the costs of providing this free service. Deb stated that Lorraine Davis will share this proposal with the Deans Council to get their comments.

EDITORS DISCUSSION UPDATE

Michael reported on the November 30 ULC's lunch/discussion for faculty who serve on editorial boards of scholarly publications. The discussion focused on continuing to educate editors about the nature of the crisis in commercial journal publishing and getting the editors input on what action the UO should pursue. Nathan Tublitz, Professor in Biology and Director of Publishing (Company of Biologists) spoke on the publisher's perspective. He is very enthusiastic about the ULC putting together a strong statement on specific actions that the UO might take. There seems to be more faculty readiness to move to an electronic-only version, but that it is necessary to consider each discipline. For example, electronic-only may accommodate the research needs of computer scientists and physicists, but not the needs of historians. Deb stated that Elsevier recently announced they will begin offering electronic-only journals – that it will no longer be necessary to purchase the print journal in addition to the online version. It would be beneficial to collaborate with Oregon State University where one institution agrees to maintain the print archive. A concern that some faculty members have is the archiving of online journals. Will access be here 30 years from now? Michael stated that the ULC's subcommittee on Serials Publishing will be meeting and will report back on its deliberations.

Gina suggested that the ULC provide one more informational session for the humanities editors and to invite library departmental representatives. Dan would also like to see social sciences faculty included. Mike and Deb will look into scheduling another meeting before the end of spring term.

BUILDING A SHARED COLLECTION WITH OSU

The committee reviewed the memo on building a shared collection between Oregon State University and University of Oregon. See http://libweb.uoregon.edu/ulc/dir01/shared_collection.htm Deb reported that OSU's library committee has

endorsed this new model of collaboration between the two libraries and that they have suggested the two library committees put together a joint meeting towards the end of the academic year to discuss the following goals and objectives outlined in the memo:

- 1) creating a single print archive
- 2) reducing duplicate copies of expensive journals
- 3) providing efficient methods of sharing journal articles and bound volumes
- 4) creating diversity in titles

Deb stated that through this process we hope to become more expedient in document delivery and reduce our costs in building and maintaining our collections. When determining duplicate journal titles to cancel, Michael commented that he would be hesitant to cancel print subscriptions if the journal is not online. Deb responded that the joint task force will put together a list of journal titles and present them to each library committee for review, either individually, or at a joint meeting if one can be arranged.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 1) Shared storage facility (Orbis is investigating)
- 2) Changing ULC membership bylaws to state one graduate student and one undergraduate student rather than just “two students”
- 3) Circulation of bound periodicals

S. Gray will try to schedule one more meeting winter term. She will also be sending out requests for spring term schedules. [Update: the next two meetings have been scheduled for April 9 and May 14.]

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Sheila Gray