

2005/2006 UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2006

PRESENT: Martha Bayless, Mark Blaine, Val Burris, Deb Carver, Grant Castner, Julie Hessler, Chris Jones, John Miller, Gina Psaki, Lee Roth, Ray Weldon, Michal Young

ABSENT: Andrew Marcus

GUESTS: Andrew Bonamici, Associate University Librarian for Instructional Services

#### CHAIR SELECTION

Michal Young will serve as chair of the 2005/06 University Library Committee.

#### VIDEO CIRCULATION

The library currently circulates videos to staff and students with a 3-day loan period if the video is not on reserve. The library has been offering an online booking feature that has worked quite well. It allows faculty to book a video in advance of a class so it will not circulate. The library has received a couple complaints from faculty who were not aware of the change, but overall the system is working well. The library is considering circulating videos through Summit and would like to hear comments from the ULC before making a final decision.

Some committee members' concerns focus on UO professors not having access when they need it and the risk of damage to, or loss of, a video. Others feel that allowing videos to circulate through Summit would increase access for the UO and that the library runs the same risk with damaging or losing books. Deb added that a professor can request that the loan period of a video be restricted to circulate in-house only, to ensure he/she would have access when it is needed.

The library could consider making a "rare videos" category that would not allow certain videos to circulate through Summit; i.e. videos that would be difficult to replace.

A suggestion was made to make copies of videos for reserve, or to put the movies on Blackboard for a particular class. Deb responded it would not be that simple due to copyright laws. She suggested having a discussion on copying videos at the next meeting. The committee also recommended that the library begin exploring the possibility of converting VHS to DVD format.

Deb stated that Washington State University has a video collection twice our size and will start circulating them through Summit this term. The majority of the committee agreed to see what WSU's experience is and if they report a positive experience, then we might consider circulating videos spring term. We would exclude rare, fragile, and confidential videos.

#### Summary:

- 1) Get feedback from WSU
- 2) Should we segregate a portion of our collection permanently, or on a term basis?
- 3) Look at technical improvements – converting VHS to DVD.
- 4) Discuss video copyright issues at the next meeting (Note: Randy Geller, UO Legal Affairs Office, and JQ Johnson, Blackboard, will be attending the March 10 meeting.)

#### FACULTY SURVEY ON ED TECH

Andrew Bonamici announced that he and Dale Smith, Computing Center, have been working with the Educational Technology Committee to put together a survey instrument on the use of technology for teaching and learning. The data collected will help the committee make funding decisions. The information being gathered consists of hardware/software being used by faculty, attitudes on educational technology and how faculty use it, and classroom environment. There will also be a similar survey sent to students. The faculty survey should be ready by mid-February.

## LIBRARY'S WEBSITE

Andrew reported that the library is redesigning its website and has put together a brief, online survey for faculty, staff and students. The information gathered from the survey will help in the redesign process. The new design will feature a single search box - metasearch, which will search the majority of our databases through keyword searching.

ULC members offered several observations about the current site and suggestions for the redesign. Concerns were expressed about the organization and presentation of electronic databases and cited problems getting lost in the site. The question was asked about integrating course guides (such as <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/journalism/>) directly into Blackboard. Andrew suggested that faculty contact their subject specialists to develop these resources. A suggestion was made to make "get help" more visible and to consider implementing an Instant Message feature. Other ideas included breadcrumb navigation to help avoid getting lost in the site, and options for customization. Andrew said that a dedicated customizable library portal is unlikely, but that we hope to increase the number of RSS feeds and similar tools that can help users stay up to date.

Andrew asked the committee members to take the survey and to send additional comments to him at [bonamici@uoregon.edu](mailto:bonamici@uoregon.edu)

## SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Gina reported that the committee has not yet met, but will have several sessions before the next ULC meeting on March 10.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb announced that there is good coverage on the library and Orbis Cascade in the January 27, 2006 *Chronicle of Higher Ed Special Supplement – Campus Management*.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 9-10:30 a.m.

Submitted by  
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