University Library Committee
Minutes
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PRESENT:  Pat Curtin, Val Burris, Dan Pope, Steven van Enk, Deb Carver, Alisa Freedman, Frances Cogan, Marilyn Linton, Sheila McGraw

GUESTS: Mark Watson - AUL for Collections and Access, Andrew Bonamici – AUL for Media and Instructional Services

Reciprocal Borrowing Privileges for UO and OSU faculty

Deb reported that OSU and UO faculty are able to borrow materials from each other’s library either directly or through Summit. Up until now, the loan periods have been shorter than when borrowing from the home library. A proposal has been submitted to extend onsite borrowing privileges to six months for faculty at each institution. After discussing this proposal further, the ULC agreed to support the proposal. It would be beneficial to both institutions’ faculty members.

Room 101 Redesign

The committee was asked to meet today in Rm. 101 to discuss its potential redesign. This space is one of the largest rooms in Knight Library and is underutilized. Its main service was for students to view videos/DVDs for class assignments but now that the materials can be checked out, the viewing stations in the room are seldom in use. Deb asked the committee to brainstorm ideas on how the room might be used in the future. The group would like to see it become multi-purpose – keeping the room as flexible as possible. Some possible uses could be:

- lectures
- classes
- luncheon and dinner gatherings
- open study space

In order to accommodate these kinds of uses, it will be necessary to address the problems with airflow, noise, and lighting. Deb will appoint several staff to put together a proposal on use of this space.

Update on scholarly publishing policy

Gordon and Deb provided an update on the scholarly publishing policy. The committee (comprised of Gordon, JQ Johnson, Dev Sinha, Deb, Eric Priest, and Robert Illig) is drafting a mandate for OA Scholarly Publishing. The group is looking at other models. We want to encourage faculty to post their published articles on Scholars’ Bank, or
other open access venues; e.g., arXiv.org which is commonly used in Physics and Math. The policy would need to include an opt-out clause as some publishers do not allow authors to post to open access, or if they do, it may only be able to happen after a certain amount of time. It is important that the policy offers this kind of flexibility. There is also the question of publishing the pre-print or post-print in open access. The committee is also looking at how to restrict the purview of this mandate – only scholarly articles, not monographs, presentations, or creative works, for example.

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