

University Library Committee
Minutes
February 6, 2012

PRESENT: John Conery, Mark Watson, Gerald Berk, Arkadiy Berenshtein, Jerry Hooker, Debra Merskin, Deb Carver, Stephen Shoemaker, Michael Kellman, Martin Klebes

The meeting was called to order by Deb Carver, Dean of Libraries, at 10:00 a.m.

FY11 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Deb distributed copies of the *2010-2011 UO Libraries Annual Report* that provides information on the libraries budget & services. Collection *purchases* were down 4.2% from 2010, but the library's total expenditures on resources increased due to more licensing of electronic content. The library's overall budget and expenditures have increased, but the library continues to receive a shrinking percentage of the university's education and general (E&G) funds, which include tuition revenue plus state contributions. Deb added that the Provost approved \$300K recurring increase to the library's budget effective FY2011 designated for collections with an additional one-time \$200K to alleviate the need for future serials cancellations.

Blackboard usage continued to grow in 2010-11, seeing an 8.7% increase in the number of course sites and a 3.0% increase in student enrollments. At some point in the future it will be necessary to look into a new course management system. Blackboard doesn't meet the needs of all faculty.

2013 BUDGET PROCESS

Deb reviewed the document *UO Libraries FY2013 Budget Process*. The new budget model is being rolled out to the rest of campus, i.e., all units outside the schools and colleges. The library was able to submit a budget proposal that factored in all costs as well as several strategic initiatives. The library may only receive a portion of what has been requested, but is fortunate to have a clear process for determining budgets.

DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Deb reported that the current campus campaign is on hold during the search for a new UO President. The deans have been asked to work on their priorities for the following categories:

- Programs
- Facilities
- Student Support
- Faculty Support

The library's priorities that are currently under discussion include:

Programs

1. Strengthening and diversifying library collections: Target goal \$5,000,000
2. Exploiting the power of technology: Target goal \$5,000,000

Facilities

1. 21st Century Science Commons and Library: Target goal \$20,000,000

Student Support

1. Sustaining student employment: Target goal \$5,000,000

Faculty Support

1. Endowing leadership positions: Head, Special Collections & University Archives: Target goal \$1,500,000

Deb reported that in addition to the library's internal donor cultivation efforts, the central development office does conduct an annual phone solicitation in support of the library which raises approximately \$100,000. Mike added that UC Berkeley sends a letter to all alumni asking for their support of the library and that it has been very successful. It was suggested to have the library's development staff talk to Foundation and Alumni staff about a similar mailing for our library.

Deb suggested that ULC members might consider helping with the library's fundraising efforts - providing stories of what they need from the library in order to be a successful teacher/researcher. Donors look forward to the opportunity to interact directly with faculty and students.

Some members felt that the library's goals are too modest in comparison to the overall \$1,000,000,000 campus goal. It was suggested that the library contact other AAU libraries whose institutions are in the middle of campaigns to see what they put forward in their process.

If members think of other ideas, they should send them to Deb.

SHARED INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

Deb reported on the plans for a shared integrated library system for the Orbis Cascade Alliance consortium. Currently, the 36 member institutions all have their own system. The primary advantages of a shared system are that there would be substantial savings and would provide a more unified process to find content. Before moving to a new system, there will be opportunities for faculty to test the various systems.

DISTRIBUTED PRINT REPOSITORIES

Mark reported on shared print archives and preservation. The WEST project is the most recent and largest of our efforts to ensure that scholarly print volumes are preserved and made accessible in perpetuity. With more and more of the scholarly record being made available in electronic form, there is a danger that uncoordinated de-accessioning could lead to gaps in the print record and possibly, complete loss of content. WEST is an effort to make sure this doesn't happen. Libraries within the WEST consortium are taking responsibility for archiving different titles. We are building one such archive. We receive inquiries from other libraries building archives that need volumes to complete runs or fill gaps for the titles they agreed to preserve. To comply with these requests is the equivalent of withdrawing the volumes from UO holdings. It is important to ensure that a thorough process of review precedes any such action. We want to make sure that UO faculty retain the first rights before making decisions retaining the titles.

Mark distributed a white paper on "Redefining Print Collections in the Digital Age" and asked the ULC members to share it with their colleagues. This paper presents a case for moving forward with the need to pare down collections.

CHAIR SELECTION

Deb Merskin volunteered to serve as this year's chair.

Submitted by
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