

University Library Committee
Minutes
February 8, 2013

PRESENT: Deb Carver, Michal Young, Debra Merskin, Gina Psaki, Megan Jones, Lori Kruckenberg, Mark Watson

Introductions

Deb Carver, Dean of Libraries, welcomed everyone. Introductions followed. Deb explained that due to late committee appointments, we were not able to schedule a meeting fall term.

Budget FY14

The FY14 Budget process is similar to what occurred last year. Library Administration and the budget group drafted a proposal that will be submitted to the Finance & Administration office by March 12 that includes an “as is” budget and several “strategic” new budget items. The “as is” budget reflects what it will cost next year to maintain our current level of service. The “strategic” requests focus on new initiatives that have: 1) strong alignment with enterprise systems, 2) alignment with other campus directions, or 3) AAU status. The library is currently considering the following new initiatives:

- Learning Management System/ Blackboard™
- Digital Scholarship Center
- Collections restoration, beyond inflation
- Upgrade to HD Video
- Web Developer for Interactive Media Group

The library should know in April if any of the proposals will receive funding. She will report on this at the next ULC meeting.

[**UPDATE:** 3/1/13 – See page 3 for a summary of the initiatives submitted for consideration - including one additional request for “24/5 hours funding”.]

Gina expressed concern that Special Collections materials are not more visible to the campus community. So many important collections have not been catalogued. Deb responded that we do catalogue manuscripts, but those items, as well as rare books, take a very long time to process. Deb will discuss this further with Special Collections staff and report back to the committee.

Integration of Instructional Technology

Last summer there was a realignment of support for instructional technology. Results from an external review conducted last year reported that there was too much duplication of services between the library and Information Services. As a result, the library acquired several services and staff from IS – focusing on training, instruction, open labs and academic computing. IS will focus more of their efforts on campus infrastructure needs.

Science Commons and Research Library

There has been a 71% increase in science majors since 2001. The current Science Library is not able to support its students and faculty at the level they expect. The university does have a major gift to support the creation of a new Science Library. This project did not receive the Governor’s recommendation to have the state match donor gifts, however, the project will continue to move forward. Deb will provide an update to the committee at its next meeting.

Program Review

The last program review that the library went through was in 1997. University Administration has agreed to have the library undergo an external review this spring, scheduled for April 7 & 8. The reviewers are:

- Carla Stoffle, Dean of Libraries, University of Arizona
- Joan Lippincott, Associate Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information
- Brian Schottlaender, The Audrey Geisel University Librarian, UCSD

The library is in the final stages of completing its Program Review Self-Study for the reviewers. The reviewers will want to meet with University Library Committee. Sheila will inform the ULC when that meeting will take place. The self-study will also be sent to the committee. The results of the external reviewers report will be discussed at the next ULC meeting.

LMS Review

The UO began using Blackboard™ in 1979. At the time, Bb was the primary Learning Management System available. The current Blackboard™ system can no longer support the needs of our campus. A task force has been created with representatives from all departments, except Law, to begin looking at other options. Deb is chairing that task force. The task force will look at other LMS platforms, as well as Blackboard upgrades. All of campus will be included in the decision-making – faculty, students and IT professionals. There will be several conversations scheduled soon to find out what is critical for users. If any members would like to participate, let Sheila know. It is expected that there will be several public demonstrations by vendors this spring, which will be open to the campus.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.
Submitted by Sheila Gray

Summary of final list of library initiatives submitted for funding for FY13/14:

1. Additional support for the Learning Management System (\$117K for staffing and S&S). This request establishes an additional application administrator for the UO's enterprise Learning Management System (LMS) service, addressing the need for strengthened support for the existing system (Blackboard™), and concurrent investigation and pilot testing of alternative platforms.
2. Knight Library 24/5 hours (\$48K staffing/public safety security officers). Keeping the library open all night provides a safe space for students to study. The library has funded 24/7 during dead and finals week for many years. Starting in 2008/09, ASUO started funding the 24/5 hours. That funding will no longer be available starting 2013/14. The library would like to continue providing 24/5 hours to students starting Week 3 and increase to 24/7 hours during dead week and finals week. There are many students who need to use the library beyond midnight. Extending hours is helpful to students with 8:00 a.m. classes, providing them access to material, computers and printers.
3. Digital Scholarship Center (\$310K for staffing and capital improvement). The DSC provides enhanced support for researchers who need to explore and use technology for analysis, expression and distribution of their work. The DSC emerged from the work of the Wired Humanities Project. The library has combined existing efforts and support services, including the Digital Library Services, the Visual Resource Center, and the library's scholarly communication program to form the Digital Scholarship Center. Additional staff will provide technical support and web development. Planning is underway for developing space in the Knight Library to accommodate the staff and services.
4. Restoration of Library Collections Funding (\$1.5M in recurring funding, phased in over five years, in addition to collections inflation). In FY 2012, the UO ranked 103rd out of 111 ARL academic libraries in collections expenditure, but third in items borrowed from other libraries. At the UO, the gap between local demand and local investment far exceed any other research library. These dollars will be used to address areas where the collection is deficient, to make cooperative e-book purchases, and acquire more full-text serial back-files.
5. High Definition (HD) Video Upgrades, CMET, UO Libraries (\$150K for equipment). CMET provides video conferencing systems, support for distance education, streaming media, broadcasting, and video production services for courses and campus events. CMET still relies on standard definition equipment, which is becoming outdated and expensive to maintain.
6. Web Developer, Interactive Media Group (\$100K). This would be a new position to support maintenance and ongoing development of academic unit websites (non-school/college). It is important to provide users with a positive web experience.