

## RESEARCH LIBRARY COUNCIL

Minutes – November 3, 2004  
Du Bois Library – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

*Present:* Donohue, Harris, Hilbink, Jackson, May, Ridenour, Rothstein, Rudman, Schafer, Stowell (for Sullivan)

*Absent:* Anderson (sabbatical), Begay, Breed, Brigham-Grette, Carter, Cary, Debevec, Osterweil, Sullivan, Wilcox

*Guests:* Gaumnitz (Faculty Senate Office assistant), Moore, Warner, Williams

### *Comments of the Chair*

- Prof. Harris thanked all present for coming to the second meeting of the semester. He mentioned that the Friends of the Library met recently and are very optimistic about the future of the library. They will be involved in an aggressive pursuit of funding.

### *Approval of the October 6, 2004 minutes*

- Prof. Hilbink asked if he could add comments to the discussion about the proposed copyright policy which was held at the last meeting; he has a class at 2:30 and had to leave the meeting early. He said that he serves on a law society committee concerned with the crisis in academic publishing. He noted that the proposed copyright policy discussed last month has the library paying per use of publications on Reserve. He noted that university presses don't like professors to use course packets since their books aren't being purchased as before. Also, the policy seems to be shifting so that we pay university presses to use items we already own. Prof. Hilbink wonders if we could consider, as we enter into this pay for use realm, asking Bruce Wilcox to think about a project whereby we agree to purchase a certain number of books per year, rather than pay for use. This would benefit assistant professors, who are publishing, as well as university presses, plus the Library since we would be adding to our collections. Money would go to expanding collections rather than pay per use. Prof. Harris replied that this was discussed at the colloquium and Peter Givler had commented on legal concerns. Prof. Harris suggested that perhaps an RLC subcommittee could be formed. Jay Schafer commented that he liked the philosophy, but to implement it could be nightmarish, since not all reserve items are from university presses. Prof. Hilbink noted that there are a lot of interrelated problems and wondered if it would be possible to get a group together to discuss them. Jay said it would be interesting to have that discussion with Bruce Wilcox. Prof. Hilbink will contact him.
- There was a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

### *Comments of the Director of Libraries – Jay Schafer*

- The colloquium on October 15 was attended by a small but sincere group. The speaker's comments were very useful and informative and were followed by a very good discussion. We are looking forward to having another colloquium regarding open access in the spring.
- The Cosby event was held last Friday. As part of that, attendees to the Gala were able to designate a beneficiary and the Library received \$9000+ from that benefit. At about the same time, we learned there is a 50% match program for donations if we get permission from donors to put funds into an existing endowment that goes over \$10,000. The Library's Senior Management

Group (SMG) donated funds to bring us up to \$10,000, making the Library eligible for the matching funds. Donations will go to the Tippo endowment for Special Collections.

- SMG is also working on our Community, Diversity, and Social Justice (CDSJ) plan. All academic departments have been asked to participate. SMG is now reviewing staff comments. Jay asked if the RLC would like to see the plan, which talks about what we need to do within our organization and on campus to encourage CDSJ. The RLC agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### *Deck replacement update – Terry Warner*

- Terry noted that we are in week 24 of our deck project, which is almost 50% complete in terms of waterproofing. All testing levels for fumes are still way below danger levels. Some staff have been relocated due to temporary noise levels. We can expect concrete to be poured within the next two weeks, beginning on the southeast part of the plaza. Waterproofing will continue until Thanksgiving and some additional work will be done in the spring. Prof. Harris asked whether the project has affected the number of users. Terry said she will check gate counts, but there has been steady traffic coming in through the front doors.

#### *Learning Commons Update – Anne C. Moore*

- Anne distributed a packet which included a bubble diagram illustrating relationships of library and learning commons areas on main. She noted that this is conceptual and not related to the actual layout of the floor. This assumes an entrance on the pond side. Anne reviewed the spaces and services. Prof. Harris asked if there would be an information manual which could be available on open computers so people could key in their questions. He also noted that the Dartmouth library has been renovated and the layout is excellent. Jay asked what people thought about having an entrance on the pond side. Prof. Hilbink asked about the cost involved and Jay said that the main additional cost would be for security. Prof. Hilbink said that a pond side entrance might be better in terms of the wind and Jay noted that the deck project redesign of the current entry will address the wind problem with sliding doors. This led to discussion about how to make the pond side more welcoming and “grand.” Prof. Harris mentioned the possibility of adding a garden in front of the new entrance, which could also be a naming possibility. Jay said that another issue of concern is security. At this point, no one is in the building at night who has training in security. We are talking to other (the Campus Center, UConn, the residence halls) about how they maintain a security presence in their buildings. This would be especially important if we go to being open 24/7.

#### *Library 3 year plan/Presentation - Jay Schafer*

- Jay gave the PowerPoint presentation which he developed for and originally presented to the Deans Council this fall. A discussion followed the presentation. Prof. Donohue asked if the Library is being heard in fundraising circles. Jay replied that Library needs are recognized as part of the capital campaign and the Chancellor has demonstrated a commitment to the Library. Prof. Donohue suggested that an endowed directorship of the library might draw dollars that otherwise might not come to us. Jay said we are working closely with Elizabeth Dale regarding advancement issues but there has been more concentration on collections than on positions. Prof. Donohue asked if it would be appropriate for the RLC to pass a motion, to forward to the Chancellor or Provost, regarding the suggestion to explore the idea of an endowed directorship. A motion to do so was made, seconded and passed. Prof. Harris will put together the wording for this proposal, which will also be forwarded to Elizabeth Dale as a naming opportunity. Prof. Harris tasked RLC to consider how it can help to fulfill the three-year plan.

#### *LibQUAL – Anne C. Moore*

- Anne distributed the results of the LibQUAL survey and reviewed them with RLC. She said that we are talking about how we can address the questions on which we received the lowest scores.

*Other*

- Prof. Donohue announced that Prof. David Grose of Classics, a longtime member of RLC, has died. Prof. Harris and Jay Schafer will send a note of condolence on behalf of the RLC.

*Handouts (available from Jan Higgins in the Library Office, 5-6868):*

*Agenda of the November 3, 2004, RLC meeting*

*Minutes of the October 6, 2004, RLC meeting*

*Learning Commons packet*

*Library Three-Year Plan presentation*

*Funding of Libraries at Research Universities with Academic Characteristics Similar to UMass Amherst in FY03*

*LibQUAL packet*