Faculty Senate Library Committee

February 13, 2013

Minutes

Present: James Inverarity, (Chair) Rick Osen (ex-officio), Mark Springer, Beth Joffrion, Michiko Yusa, Brooke Love, Hilary Schwandt, Tilmann Glimm, Zoe Wittman, Rob Galbraith (ex-officio), Carol Janson, Stan Goto

Absent: None

Minutes: Connie Mallison

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Minutes: Minutes from 01/30/12 meeting were approved with no corrections.

III. Announcements / Constituents Concerns: None

IV. Interim Dean’s Update
   a) Dean’s Search: There's no news yet on who the next Dean of Libraries will be – we are waiting for the Provost's decision and announcement.
   b) Shared ILS – Orbis Cascade Alliance Project: Staff training has begun and will continue through March. Rick will ask Bob Thomas, who's heading up this project for our Libraries, to come to a meeting during Spring Quarter to give a presentation on how this new shared ILS will work and what all the changes will mean to the user.
   c) Reading Room Renovation: The Libraries have hired RMC Architects to draw up a design proposal which can then be presented to possible donors. Rick met with the architect this afternoon to view the first draft of this design. He said the architect is working on a virtual room design showing various furniture, display & lighting layout ideas. We are hoping to add some new furnishings, lighting, paint, carpet, and better airflow and wi-fi connectivity, all while preserving the historical nature of the room.

       Rick said the main focus of the room will continue to be an area for quiet study, and the secondary focus will be to provide a special venue for events (as we do now). A new third focus will be the addition of the Northwest Collection, which should be moved to that room sometime in April.

V. Reports
   a) Faculty Senate: Michiko said she circulated the Library Issues article regarding scholarly journal publishing, which was discussed at the last SLC meeting, to the Faculty Senate members for their review.

VI. Discussion:
   a) Library Space Utilization – Bound Journals: Members discussed freeing up space in the Library by eliminating duplicated print journals for which the Libraries has stable online access. The majority of current subscriptions are received in electronic format. Articles from journals to which we are unable to subscribe are readily accessible through ILL requests. The Libraries have suggested off-site storage for some older low-use print materials [e.g., back runs of print journals] in order to free up prime space in the main building, but have not been successful in getting funding for this. Print journals are a good place to start since our survey results have shown that students and faculty prefer online access.
When looking at recapturing space, a common starting point for academic libraries across the country has been print journals duplicated in JSTOR. In addition to stable online access to these particular titles, JSTOR and other preservation-minded collaborations such as WEST [Western Storage Trust] maintain original print versions in archives. A question was raised about losing old print journals that could not be found in digital format and Rick said the Libraries would not consider getting rid of those titles.

A question was also raised about the idea of using compact shelving to store these print journals instead of eliminating them. Rick pointed out that this isn’t a viable option due to the weight density that would be needed; compact shelving requires a minimum of 300 lbs per square foot of floor loading capacity, but Wilson Library currently only has 125 lbs per sq foot on all its upper floors. There is compact shelving in the lower level of Wilson, which sits on bedrock.

Members asked to see a list of the journals we now have available in JSTOR and WEST, and Rick agreed to send this out to them by email. Members then discussed ideas for getting this information out to the campus faculty. It was suggested that a FAQ / Guideline document similar to what San Diego State University and other universities have done be developed. Rick will create a draft document and send out for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.