Members:
Ewa Barczyk
John Berges
Johannes Britz
Ken Buelow
Kuang-Chi Chang
Elizabeth Devine
John Friedman, Chair
Rick Grobschmidt
Ann Hains
William Lavonis
Joanne Lazirko
Ralitza Nikolaeva
David Southward
Winston Van Horne

Charter:

Functions:

a. Represents the interest and authority of the university faculty in archives and library affairs and in the establishment of policy.
b. Makes recommendations for faculty action.
c. Advises the Director of the Libraries concerning administrative operation of the Archives and Libraries.
d. Establishes a subcommittee with the UWM archivist and public records custodian as ex-officio members to advise on archives policy and operations. The Director of the Libraries is responsible for the actual operation of the Archives.

Meetings:

The ULC met six times during the academic year:

September 9, 2005 8 - 9 am
October 24, 2005 8 - 9:15 am
December 5, 2005 8 - 9:30 am
March 6, 2006 12:30 – 1:50 pm
April 28, 2006 9 - 10:50 am
May 19, 2006 9:30-10:45 am
**Major Accomplishments/Actions: (please LIST – bullets OK-major committee accomplishments, issues of discussion, etc.)**

- At its first meeting, members of the ULC urged the chair to meet with Chancellor Santiago to
  (1) request recruitment this academic year for a Libraries Director
  (2) discuss the pressing issue of retaining access to research journals,
      particularly in the sciences, given the rapidly rising costs of these journals
  (3) keep alive stage 4 of the remodeling plan for the Libraries
  (4) Urge that the Libraries Director, when hired, be included in the Dean’s council.

  Friedman (ULC chair) met with Santiago who responded positively to the points raised.

- Recruitment for a Libraries Director has now begun, with a search committee that includes ULC members Devine, Friedman, and Lavonis.

- At each meeting the Interim Director (Barczyk) briefed the ULC on different aspects of the Libraries’ operations, finances, grants, acquisitions, services and resources, and events. Meetings typically included a demonstration of a new service or resource.

  During the 2005-06 year, the Libraries:

  o Created a Browsing Collection and furnished Browsing Area (funded, in part, through the Libraries Parents Fund).
  o Initiated a laptop computer checkout program for students.
  o Progressed on finalizing plans for the substantial remodeling of the Library’s West Wing first floor, which will begin later this year.
  o Received several large grants and gifts, including a $25,000 Ettinger Family Foundation grant to support the Libraries Book Arts Collection and related programs; a gift of $10,551 from Robert C. Brumder to our George Brumder German-language Publishing Collection Endowment Fund; a $5,000 preservation assistance grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to re-house rare atlases; and a $13,000 grant from the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association to support work on the WTMJ-TV news film collection, bringing our four-year fund raising total for the WTMJ preservation project to $376,740.
  o Published two books with non-State funding: the third volume of the Morris Fromkin Memorial Lectures and, in collaboration with the Peck School of the Arts, a book on the late composer and UWM professor emeritus John Downey.
- Doubled the number of images in the Libraries digital collection *Greetings from Milwaukee: Selections from the Thomas and Jean Ross Bliffert Postcard Collection* and neared completion of a large digital image collection titled *Cities Around the World*.

- Collaborated with the Milwaukee Art Museum in an exhibit titled “The American West, 1871-1874: Photographs from the American Geographical Society Library.”

- Added features to the online catalog to improve searching by enabling searching across databases and online journals and imbedded links to patron initiated borrowing if the specific item is not owned by UWM Libraries.

- Began planning for implementation of an institutional repository in partnership with UW Madison, Minds@UW, hosting a workshop on applications. Will help to disseminate scholarly communication published on campus.

- Presented highlights of remote access to resources, FindIt and MetaSearch, overview of digital collections and document delivery options.

- Appointed Chancellor’s Golda Meir Library Scholar Award subcommittee (Winston Van Horne (chair), Kenneth Buelow, David Southward, Joanne Lazirko, and Ewa Barczyk). The subcommittee reviewed student applications and recommended two graduate students to the Chancellor as the 2006-07 recipients of the Chancellor’s Golda Meir Library Scholar Award: Joseph Mascaro, PhD student in Biological Sciences; Amy Sato, PhD student in Psychology.

- The loan period for sound recordings used in courses was extensively discussed. Without lengthening the standard loan period, Asst. Director Vanaja Menon met with Rebecca Littman, head of the Music Library, who will help the Music faculty when they teach courses requiring sound recordings.

- Abbas Ourmazd, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, met with the ULC on Dec. 5. The ULC urged that there be a place on RGI applications for additional library resources required for each research proposal. This was in fact done. Several RGI proposals did include library funding, but most did not. The ULC emphasized the increasing difficulty in maintaining access to research journals. Ourmazd clearly agreed that the Libraries’ research materials, and journal access in particular, must grow as research grows at UWM. Alternatives to UWM Libraries journal subscriptions were debated, including ways to share subscription costs, direct document delivery, and keeping a list of journals received by individual faculty members.
- Chancellor Carlos Santiago met with the ULC on April 28. Santiago emphasized his goals for UWM as a major research university, the economic implications of a research university for southeast Wisconsin, and the growth in research infrastructure that will be required. In addressing the cost of research journals, Santiago said that a collaborative approach is a good way to start. He proposed that when funds are reallocated from indirect costs, some fraction be used to support the cost of research materials in the Libraries. He also noted that, in programs such as Architecture and Nursing, the Student Association has approved a higher tuition cost, recognizing that the programs are more expensive, and said that the Libraries should receive some of this funding.

- A member of the ULC (Friedman) served on the Building Committee for the Phase One Library Remodeling. The Libraries will receive from the State $3.5M of its $4.9 M request to remodel and renovate the Libraries. To meet the State’s requirement that UWM raise $1.4 M matching funds, Barczyk is working with Lucia Petrie, Vice Chancellor of Development.