2006-2007 Annual Report
Libraries Committee

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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 four times during the academic year:

September 18, 2006  9:30 -10:20 am

December 19, 2006  9 -10:40 am

April 5, 2007  10 -11:20 am

May 9, 2007  1 - 2:15 pm

Major Accomplishments/Actions: (please LIST – bullets OK-major committee accomplishments, issues of discussion, etc.)
At its first meeting, ULC directed a recommendation be sent to the Provost, copy to the Chancellor, that the Director of Libraries sit on the Deans' Council.

Endorsed 2005-06 ULC letter to the Chancellor that outlined library funding needs and suggested that a portion of indirect costs from research funds be targeted to the library.

Members of the ULC served on the Fromkin Lecture Award Committee and on the Search Committee for a Director of the UWM Libraries. The search was successfully concluded with the appointment of Ewa Barzcyk.

Appointed Chancellor's Golda Meir Library Scholar Award subcommittee (Winston Van Horne (chair), Kenneth Buelow, Joanne Lazirko, Stan Stojkovic, and Ewa Barzcyk). The subcommittee reviewed student applications and recommended two graduate students to the Chancellor as the 2007-08 recipients of the Chancellor's Golda Meir Library Scholar Award: Donte McFadden, PhD candidate in Modern Studies; Laura Rusch, PhD candidate in Clinical Psychology.

Provost and Vice Chancellor Rita Cheng met with the ULC on Dec. 19. She emphasized the need for the Libraries to partner with academic departments and campus initiatives to acquire library dollars. The Libraries, she said, must act as an entrepreneur to secure grants. The expansion of the library building will not happen without private funding. In response to the committee’s letter asking that the Libraries Director sit on the Deans' Council, Cheng said she could not, as that would require the inclusion of the eight other campus directors, significantly altering the character of the council. She will, though, increase the frequency of meetings that include both deans and directors.

Mark Harris, Associate Dean for Graduate School/Research Services met with the ULC on April 5. ULC members reported on the lack of access to many primary journals, particularly in engineering and the sciences, and the need for a comprehensive solution to the problem. Harris suggested the Libraries infrastructure costs need to included in the next DIN exercise. Other ideas for increasing funding and/or access included UW System collaboration and shifting some resources away from monograph acquisition.

At each meeting the Director (Barzcyk) 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 2006-07 year, the Libraries:

- To highlight UWM's 50th Anniversary, created two digital collections—the UWM Yearbook Collection and UWM Photo Collection—and presented a poetry series featuring the work of UWM faculty, staff, and alumni;
- Redesigned its Web site;
- Continued planning process of first floor, west wing renovation, which will include a Learning Commons and new instruction areas; initiated
collaboration with Kubala Washatko architecture firm; explored off-site storage possibilities;
  o Produced 2007-10 Strategic Plan;
  o Developed a 3-credit course with SOIS on Information Literacy as part of Access to Success initiative;
  o Hired Head of Automation and Personnel Manager;
  o Renewed popular laptop computer checkout program for students, adding more laptops, with plans to offer digital cameras;
  o Presented UW System-mandated Records Management program to campus administration, faculty, and staff;
  o Investigated collaborative agreements to share costs for needed resources, particularly journals;
  o Progressed with plans for Minds@UWM, an institutional repository for scholarly communication;
  o Received several large grants and gifts, including $60,000 for the McColl Research Program and for digitizing photographs in the American Geographical Society Library (AGSL) collections, from Dr. Robert and Susan McColl; $212,000 bequest from the estate of Jacob L. Bernheim to AGSL; $5,000 NEH preservation assistance grant to AGSL for its photography collections; and a $50,000 challenge grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Dr. Abraham & Irma Schwartz Fund for the WTMJ-TV News Film Collection.

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