University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Libraries Committee
2007-2008 Annual Report

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Charter:
Functions/ Responsibilities:

A3.4 Libraries Committee

(1) Membership. Seventeen members as follows: eight elected faculty members, at least one from each division; two appointed academic staff members; three students, one of whom is a graduate student. The academic staff members are appointed by the Chancellor upon recommendation of the Academic Staff Committee. The Chancellor, the Director of the Libraries, the Graduate Dean, and a representative of the UWM Alumni Association are ex-officio members.

(Document 2169, 12/17/98; UWM Administration approval, 12/30/98)
(Document 2330, 5/14/02, UWM Administration approval, 5/31/02)
(Document 2364, 11/21/02, UWM Administration approval, 11/28/02)

(2) 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.

(Document 1016, 3/17/77; UWM Administration approval, 3/30/77)
(Document 1308, 4/22/82; UWM Administration approval, 4/29/82)
(Document 2319, 12/20/01; UWM Administration approval, 12/28/01)
(Document 2364, 11/21/02; UWM Administration approval, 11/28/02)

Meetings:

The ULC met seven times during the academic year:

Sept. 14, 2007  11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 19, 2007  12:30 – 2:05 p.m.
Nov. 9, 2007  12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
Dec. 17, 2007  10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 15, 2008  12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 25, 2008  9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
May 15, 2008  2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Major Accomplishments/Actions:

- Recommended to Provost Rita Cheng that Chancellor’s Golda Meir Library Scholars Awards be raised from $4,500 to $5,000 for each of two recipients. The Provost approved the recommendation.
- Discussed Association of Research Libraries (ARL) status for the UWM Libraries. There is a gap in staff numbers and expenditure on resources between the UWM Libraries and the lowest ARL library (Kent State), as well as gaps between the UWM Libraries and lowest peer libraries (U. of Alabama-Birmingham and U. of Memphis).
- Sent a letter to the Provost asking that UWM pursue membership in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a consortium of 12 research universities—the Big Ten Conference schools and the University of Chicago. The Provost reported possibility of joining CIC under the umbrella of UW-Madison’s membership.
- Discussed status of Library Stage 4 addition.
- Discussed campus master planning and the Libraries’ role in the planning.
- Invited the Provost to discuss master planning, consortial information sharing, and Libraries’ support under UWM DIN’s Research Infrastructure. She said faculty will want to increase holdings, and that the Libraries need to look at indirect dollars and other strategies to increase funding.
- Invited Vice Chancellor Colin Scanes to discuss library issues. He recognizes a pressing need to invest in collections.
- Heard at each meeting report from Libraries Director Ewa Barczyk concerning various 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 2007-08 year, the Libraries:

- Continued planning process of first and second floor west wing renovation; completed raising of private funds for the Daniel M. Soref Learning Commons; received Regents’ and state approval for project; secured off-site storage and began transferring materials.
- Hired Head of Bibliographic Access and Acquisitions, Records Manager, and ILL staff member.
- Implemented Contacts program to improve communication with campus units.
- Received $40,000 grant for LGBT collection; $25,000 gift for new Jewish Latin America collection.
- Loaned maps and photographs to a number of exhibitions at museums and libraries, including the Field Museum, the Newberry Library, the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, and the Milwaukee Art Museum.
- Surveyed campus with LibQUAL+ user satisfaction tool, a follow-up to the Libraries’ 2004 survey.
- Began partnership with SOIS to create a Center for Literacy.
- With other members of the Council of UW Libraries, discussed increased sharing of resources and budget plans for the 2009-11 biennium.
- Celebrated American Geographical Society Library’s 30th anniversary at UWM.
- Added many databases, including JSTOR Arts and Sciences IV, ARTstor, Urban Studies Abstracts, and African American Music Reference.