Council on the Libraries
Minutes of Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Present: Sharon Bickel, Vladimir Chernov, Kirk Endicott, Bob Graves, Douglas Irwin, Jeffrey Horrell, RuDee Lipscomb ’08, Casey Murray
Library Staff: Elizabeth Kirk, Jennifer Taxman, Cynthia Pawlek, David Seaman

The meeting began at 12:05pm.

1. Welcome and introductions.

2. Minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting were revised and approved.

3. Borrow Direct. Eliz Kirk spoke about the success of the Borrow Direct program with other Ivy libraries. The collaboration has led to inter-library discussions about specialization in future library acquisitions, with the potential for cost savings. One issue raised is whether the libraries can act as a single entity for the purchase of e-resources to allow further budgetary savings. Jennifer Taxman spoke about the new public interface of Borrow Direct, which should be available in the spring of 2010 and will be a significant improvement over the old interface.

4. RAPID Jennifer Taxman discussed Dartmouth’s participation in RAPID, which is a consortium for special journal article access like interlibrary loan. This operates through DartDoc and is more rapid than the usual interlibrary loan service.

5. Future Agenda. Issues raised were archiving and the Dartmouth digital infrastructure and the budget outlook for the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.