Council on the Libraries Meeting Minutes May 21, 2015

Present: Seaman, Kirk, Walton, LaBelle, Horrell, Taxman, McPeek, Kahl, Fischel, DeFelice, Sturges

The meeting was called to order at 12:10

The minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Dave Sturges, Head of Access Services presented a slide show on the Dartmouth Library Depository at 56 Etna Road, including a brief history, a summary of the current space usage including a map of the facility, and a summary of the requested services. Approximately 10% of the shelves are open at this time. The annual inflow of volumes will fill this space surprisingly quickly, so opportunities for increasing the space are being investigated. Scans and physical loans of material from the Depository run about 2000 of each since November 2014, a pace that has allowed the staff to keep up with them, generally responding within a day of requests.

Elizabeth Kirk presented a slide show on the Library's participation in a large "Ivy-plus" partnership with other university libraries (recently extending to thirteen with the inclusion of Stanford last month). This cooperation enables faculty and students to use their Dartmouth IDs to use library facilities, including physical buildings, at the other participating universities. Dartmouth's share of annual acquisitions (about $10M out of $252M) and volumes (3.3M out of about 100M) is less than 1/13 and probably also less than a share calculated based on enrollments---a rational for increasing the acquisition budget? Dartmouth's materials are in demand. Per-volume costs of storage, maintenance and service of volumes is surprisingly high ($420M per year for the 100M volumes across the Ivy Plus partnership).

LaBelle summarized the status of the Open Access resolution which was passed unanimously by the Arts and Sciences Faculty on April 27, 2015. There was discussion of the strategy going forward. Tuck is most likely next, with the new dean approached in the Fall with hope for action on it in the Winter or Spring 2016. Similar strategy with regard to Geisel. Implementation can proceed in parallel with these efforts to get approval from the other units.

There was considerable discussion about the Subcommittee on the Faculty Open Access Policy and Repository. The charges for the committee were discussed at a previous meeting, and a list of participants put forward, but none of these has yet been formally invited. In the meantime the library is proceeding with the formation of two working groups, one on policies and one on content, which have met already, with a third working group on education and outreach formed but not yet convened. These working groups are already producing material which should be reviewed by the subcommittee, so the time is due to put it in place. By acclamation the committee charged the chair of the Council on the Libraries with appointing members to the subcommittee. Mark McPeek will be the chair.
Finally, there was discussion about the possibility of a "Dartmouth Now" piece regarding the Open Access resolution, in hopes of raising awareness. Outreach is considered important so that faculty participate in the repository.

Jeff Horrell warmly thanked the committee for its work throughout the year.

The final 2014-5 academic year meeting of the Council on Libraries was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

David Sturges, Head of Access & Delivery Services
Power Point slide deck, Dartmouth Library Depository Update slide deck

Eliz Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Resources
Power Point slide deck, Ensuring Long Term Access to Print Collections