

Council on Libraries Meeting

June 1, 2006

Attending: John James, Barry Scherr, Teoby Gomez, Harold Frost, Kathy Cottingham, Jeffrey Horrell, Cayelan Carey, Cynthia Pawlek, Barbara DeFelice, Xun Shi, John Scott, Bob Graves

1. Introductions of those attending.
2. Minutes of the May 4, 2006 meeting were distributed and approved on a motion by Kathy Cottingham with a second by John Scott.
3. Scholarly Communication--science template - Bill Garrity, Director, Biomedical Libraries, Kathy Cottingham, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Bill and Kathy outlined the updated science and technology oriented template on scholarly communications. The general premise of the template is that the support for research by science faculty is usually from public sources. When attempting to publish a paper on the research, faculty are asked by publishers to pay page charges and then the college library is required to pay to access in either paper or electronic. The issues addressed in the template include finances associated with page costs and journal subscriptions, as well as the trends in costs. The impacts of where one publishes scholarly papers on both reputation and career advancement for faculty are important. Consideration of copyright ownership, mandatory deposits of papers at grant-required sites, and means to influence the direction of this problem's solution. This template and presentation will likely be on the agenda of a Biological Sciences faculty meeting in the Fall Term. A second template for the arts and humanities is being developed by John James and Kate Conley for introduction and review in the fall.

Jeff Horrell noted a recent policy developed by MIT, regarding the ownership of copyright, to be sent to publishers. He also indicated that he was participating in further discussions with other Ivies Plus institutions on the issue and possible coordinated policy recommendations.

3. Report of the Dartmouth College Library Web Steering Group - Bill Garrity, Director, Biomedical Libraries

Bill outlined the contents of the Report of the Dartmouth College Library Web Steering Group with particular attention to the group's guiding principles, process for gathering input, and recommendations. Recommendations included such elements as ease of use, search problem directed, flat design, multiple search paths, integration with other campus web services, use of a content management system, along with suggestions for on-going system leadership and direction.

4. Cayelan suggested some ideas for student membership on the Council for next year.
5. Jeff Horrell thanked the Council for its work this year and in particular, thanks and appreciation to Bob Graves for his leadership of the Council and a productive year.
6. Council adjourned at 1:20 pm.