Council on Libraries  
Meeting of October 5, 2006

Present: Alice Farnham, Teoby Gomez, Bob Graves, Mikhail Gronas, Jeffrey Horrell, John James, Elizabeth Kirk, Cynthia Pawlek, Barry Scherr, Xun Shi, Jennifer Taxman, David Webb, Walter Simons

The meeting opened at 12:08 p.m.

1. Introductions of those attending.

2. Minutes of the June 1, 2006 meeting were approved.

3. Announcements - Jeffrey Horrell, Dean of Libraries and Librarian of the College

   Jeff welcomed Elizabeth Kirk, who has joined the library as an Associate Librarian for Information Resources; David Seaman, the new Associate Librarian for Information Management, is to arrive December 2[^4].

   Jeff announced the college’s membership in the Center for Resource Libraries (CRL), which allows access to the CRL extensive collections of foreign dissertations, newspapers and other publications. Materials can be loaned for up to 90 days; CRL accepts requests for new purchases.

   The Council’s report for 2005-2006 has been posted at:  

   The Library’s Mission and Goals, Fiscal Year 2005-2006 has been posted at:  

   Jeff also handed out the new, handsome information brochure presently (Fall ’06) available. Finally, he reported on The Great Outdoors, the library’s open house on October 4, which, judging by the number of mugs distributed and decibels produced, was a success.


   Jennifer gave a survey of the present use of study spaces at Baker. These are in high demand with undergraduate students (especially seniors working on honors theses), current and emeriti faculty members, and visiting scholars. The Council discussed the possibility of asking scholars to share study space, formal procedures to assign the studies each term,
and ways to make the carrels better known to new and visiting faculty. It
was agreed that through the course of turnover in the study assignments
more doubles would be made available.

5. Scholarly Communication – Bob Graves, John H. Krehbiel Sr. Professor for
Emerging Technologies and Co-Director, M.E.M. Program

Bob reviewed the Council’s past and current discussions of “scholarly
communication”. In order to chart all issues involved in transmitting the
results of research within the academic world, especially along non-
traditional routes of publication, the Council is examining various
prototypes or templates designed to reflect different perspectives. A first
template, designed by Bill Garrity, Director of Biomedical Libraries, and
Kathy Cottingham, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, is
currently under review by the Biological Sciences faculty; John James,
Associate Librarian for Collections, and Kate Conley, Associate Dean for
the Humanities, are working on a second template regarding the situation
in the humanities; a third template, on access to serials and monographs
for students and class room teaching is also in development.

Bob Graves, along with Eliz Kirk and Barbara DeFelice, will be
participating as a Dartmouth team at the second Association of Research
Libraries and Association of College and Research Libraries Institute on
Scholarly Communication to be held in Durham, NC in early December.
Prior to the Institute, their assignment will be to develop an environmental
scan that will be used to prepare an outreach program on these issues for
Dartmouth.

6. Other topics

The meeting discussed various topics to be brought before the Council in
2006-07. Meetings are provisionally scheduled for the first Thursday of
each month.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.