

Council on the Libraries Meeting of April 3, 2008

Present: Robert Graves, Mikhail Gronas, Jeffrey Horrell, Elizabeth Kirk, Cynthia Pawlek, Barry Scherr, Ellen Waite-Franzen, David Webb, Walter Simons.

Excused: Kirk Endicott, Alisa Koonce, Sara Walker.

The meeting opened at 12:10pm.

1. Introductions of attendees.
2. Minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting were approved (after a stylistic correction at Robert Graves's suggestion).
3. Library Assessment Committee (Eliz Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Resources)
Eliz Kirk introduced the LibQUAL+ survey, prepared by the Association of Research Libraries and intended as a regular evaluation (roughly every 3 years) of the library's condition and performance in comparison to peer institutions.
4. Dartmouth's author's amendment (Eliz Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Resources)
Eliz also gave an update on Dartmouth's model amendment for authors wishing to preserve some of their rights to publish their work when signing a publishing contract. She noted that as of April 7, 2008, the NIH imposes on all authors receiving funding an obligation to provide a copy of their work to the NIH for publication on Pubmed within a year; that information belongs in the Author's amendment.
5. Library's new Webdesign (Cyndy Pawlek, Deputy Librarian of the College and Associate Librarian for User Services)
Cyndy Pawlek presented some new features of the redesigned website. In addition to a new look and a more user-friendly organization of links, the site now also offers Resources pages per subject; several catalogue enhancements; and a citation finder.
6. Announcements
Eliz invited volunteers willing to be interviewed for a new study of online resources used by researchers to keep up with developments in their field (by May 31).
7. In Other Business, the Council discussed the agenda for the May and June meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.