Council on the Libraries
Minutes of Meeting held on November 7, 2012
Treasure Room, Baker Library

Members Present: Inge-Lise Ameer, Robert Graves (Chair), Jeffrey Horrell, Douglas Irwin, James LaBelle, Mark McPeek, Ellen Waite-Franzen

Library Staff: Barbara DeFelice, Eliz Kirk, David Seaman, Jennifer Taxman

1. Convened at 12:00 and meeting opened at 12:15 with introduction of Council Members.

2. Agenda items of the October 4, 2012 Meeting were discussed as a lead-in to further discussion on an Open Access Draft Resolution (see item 4 below). Minutes of the October 4 meeting approved.

3. Deanna Marcum, Managing Director of Ithaka S+R presented initial findings of the consultancy for Dartmouth in defining the role of an institutional repository. This effort is part of Dartmouth's interest in developing a campus-wide digital strategy supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. While there are several institution-wide systems already in place, one piece that has yet to be developed is a plan for an institutional repository, particularly services for faculty's scholarly output.

   Over the past eight months interviews were conducted with Dartmouth faculty, computing and library staff, and senior administrators. The interviews identified no strong opposition to nor strong support for a digital repository. Faculty felt that their best avenue for archiving their work is to publish in high-quality, high-impact publications. There were positive opinions on the goal of broader exposure of Dartmouth research and scholarship in the broader community. If an institutional repository was established and is to be successful, it needs to be driven by the institution as a whole, not just the Library or Computing Services. There did not seem to be more interest in particular disciplinary repositories, rather than a broader repository.

   Overall, the idea of developing systems and services by which faculty could easily deposit and subsequently have access to their scholarship was seen as valuable in the long run.

4. Further discussion ensued with focus on the wording used in the draft Open Access Resolution and possible plans for implementation. A new draft would be prepared and steps suggested for its implementation in time for discussion at the next Council meeting on January 8.

   Next Meeting: January 8, 2013   **Location:** Feldberg Library