Council on the Libraries  
Minutes of Meeting held on December 5, 2013

Location: Fishbein Room, Jones Media Center, Berry Library

Members Present: Inge-Lise Ameer, Matt Broughton, Brett Gamboa, Jeffrey Horrell, Steve Kahl, Eliz Kirk, Jim LaBelle, David Seaman, Jennifer Taxman, Glenda Shoop

1. Meeting opened with Introductions and approval of the minutes of November 7.

2. Jennifer Taxman, Associate Librarian for User Services, presented plans for renovating Berry Library’s lower level, in order to create secure, accessible shelving for materials from the Rauner collections. The changes will allow more timely delivery of materials and alleviate security issues associated with Webster Hall. Since classes often visit Rauner, easy access to the materials is critical. The Library has already made a capital request for the project.

3. David Seaman presented designs for an update of Jones Media Center, a project that can be undertaken in stages. The project would create new spaces for group study, small film and voice production studios, and an “innovation center”—a flexible space that could host talks and classes, as well as group study sessions, but that could also be converted for film production or other purposes. The changes are intended to enhance the potential for collaborative work and experiential learning. A capital request has likewise been submitted for the project.

Jennifer spoke about the plan to renovate Paddock Music Library. Paddock currently looks and functions much as it did in 1986, so students would benefit from updating the listening area and lounge in accordance with how they work with media today. Larger media carrels and a collaborative study area are planned. A capital request has been made for Paddock.

Jennifer also shared some preliminary thoughts about a potential renovation of Kresge Physical Sciences Library. The Council can expect to hear more about a potential capital request for that project at a future meeting.

4. Jeff Horrell shared the news that Library Services and Computing Services are collaborating on issues related to repository services planning.

5. David Seaman informed the Council of the launch of Elementa (http://www.elementascience.org/) , Dartmouth’s new open-access journal concerned with sustainability science and climate change.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16th from 12:00-1:30pm in the Treasure Room of Baker Library.