

Council on the Libraries Meeting Minutes April 16, 2015

Present: Borsuk, Fischel, Gamboa, Horrell, Kirk, LaBelle, McPeek, Seaman, Shoop, Waite-Franzen, Walton,

The meeting was called to order at 12:10.

The minutes of the March 2015 meeting were approved with some discussion.

The chair addressed the last item on the agenda first (due to possible early departure of one faculty member): suggestions of topics for future meetings. Borsuk re-emphasized a need to discuss the deaccession process, based on inputs from his Thayer faculty. This will be the main agenda item for the May Council Meeting. Fischel suggested that security, particularly with regard to the libraries digital domain, deserves our attention. It was also suggested that this is a good topic for a joint Council on the Libraries/Council on Computing meeting, in the next academic year.

The committee proceeded to discuss the "Dartmouth College Library: Strategic Thinking 2015-2020." document, which had been seen in preliminary form in a previous meeting, but now is final. Library staff requested comments on all topics related to this, including specifically how best to solicit input. McPeek emphasized the importance of having area librarians interact with faculty, because many issues are specific to different fields, and messages from them to specific departments carry more impact than those coming to all departments from the overall College Library. Walton emphasized the importance of getting student input, particularly on what tools they actually use for "discoverability." This led to some general discussion about these tools, including Summon, Google Scholar, Wikipedia, etc. LaBelle pointed out that the libraries expansion into research data management, indicated in the document, will draw a lot of interest especially from science faculty who have large data sets and increasing requirements from funding agencies to archive them.

The chair and Jeff Horrell briefed the committee on the status of the Open Access resolution which was forwarded to Lisa LaFlam for consideration by the committee on priorities that sets the A & S Faculty meeting agendas. That committee is meeting within days to determine whether the resolution will be considered in the April or June meeting. If in April, LaBelle and McPeek will prepare a paragraph to be distributed with the resolution to the faculty, and LaBelle will encourage early as possible distribution.

The Council was reminded of the "Faculty Advisory Subcommittee on the Faculty Open Access Policy and Repository" chaired by Mark McPeek. The Council urges them to start their activities at the soonest practical time. The subcommittee will work with Barbara DeFelice, Director, Digital Resources and Scholarly Communication Programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Most members participated in a tour of the Jones Media Center renovation project, which is expected to be complete within two weeks.