Council on the Libraries Minutes of 11-10-2014 Meeting

Present: Jim LaBelle, Jeffrey Horrell, Mark Borsuk, Doug Irwin, Yi He, Mark McPeek, Glenda Shoop, Andrew Vacca, David Seaman, Jennifer Taxman, Ellen Waite-Franzen

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM. Minutes of October 13th meeting were approved unanimously. New members were noted from Thayer (Mark Borsuk), Tuck (Steve Kahl, not present), Graduate representative (Andrew Vacca) and undergraduate representative (Yi He). It was noted that Doug Irwin will be on sabbatical for winter term, and a colleague (Bill Fischel) was suggested as a one-term substitute. Jeff Horrell will try to arrange through Lisa Laflam in the A&S Dean's Office.

Jeff Horrell summarized the discussion at the November 3rd Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting, at which the decision was taken to table the Open Access Resolution. A lively discussion ensued concerning the nature of concerns to the resolution and how to respond to them. Meetings are anticipated between Dean Horrell, members of the COF, and other faculty, and the Council will be prepared to share a revised version of the resolution at the next CoL meeting.

David Seaman presented the transition plan for Jones Media Center during winter term when construction will be underway. Space outside of the Center will be available for conducting the center's business. We asked about how the students will be informed. Announcements will be posted both on posters around the building and virtually on various web sites. A "D" article is anticipated in early Winter term.

Jeff Horrell presented and summarized a "Vision" document being prepared to describe what the Libraries are currently doing and, more importantly, future directions. The current document, being shared with the Council, is in the early stages; Library staff and other stakeholders have yet to review and modified it. The document will eventually be posted for public consumption, used by the Library itself as a guideline, and presented to the Provost and other administrators. There was a significant amount of discussion of various components of the document, especially some of the new directions in Library interactions with teaching and learning. The Council will be prepared to read a revised version of the "Visions" document at future CoL meetings.

Finally, the Council engaged in some discussion of topics to include on the agenda for upcoming meetings. The Library's Education and Outreach program was suggested, even though it has been reviewed relatively recently. Faculty particularly in the Science Division have increasing need to engage in outreach activities which is being required as a condition for holding research grants with some agencies. Updates on proposed renovations or changes to branch Libraries such as Kresge Library would also be appreciated. The Council should plan for the joint meeting with the Council on Computing, including potential agenda topics.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.