

## **Council on the Libraries Minutes of 10-13-2014 Meeting**

Present: Inge Ameer, Ellen Waite-Franzen, Jeffrey Horrell, Doug Irwin, Eliz Kirk, Jim LaBelle (chair), Mark McPeck, David Seaman, Jennifer Taxman

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM. Following introductions, it was noted that two faculty members were absent (one representative each from humanities and social sciences), as were representatives from Thayer and Tuck, and both student representatives. In some cases, these members may not have been appointed yet, and the appointed Thayer school representative may be retired. It was agreed that Ameer would facilitate an undergraduate being named to the committee, LaBelle would work to get a graduate student named to the committee, and Horrell would identify representatives of Tuck and Thayer Schools. The goal is to have these additional members on board by the next meeting.

Horrell and Kirk brought the Council up to date on the status of the Open Access resolution. It has been approved by one major unit of the College, Thayer School, and comes up for discussion and vote by a second major unit, the College of Arts and Sciences, on Monday November 3. Four presenters have been arranged for the Nov 3 faculty meeting, Horrell plus one faculty representative of each academic division (Mark McPeck, Deborah Nichols, and Kevin Reinhart). DeFelice proposed to hold forum events the week before, where faculty can inform themselves of the issue and discuss it. Much discussion ensued about how best to enhance faculty attendance. 4-5 PM was thought to be the best strategy, and the Treasure room the single most central location if only one event was to be held. Holding one forum early in the week, probably Monday Oct 27, would allow additional forums to be scheduled if demand warranted it. Subsequently, a decision was made to hold a 12:30 – 2:00 PM lunch forum on the 27<sup>th</sup> as well, providing two faculty forums before Nov. 3. E-mail to faculty via department administrators and chairs was a suggested means to get the word out.

Horrell described to the Council the task force organized by the Provost to make recommendations on a strategy to optimize funding for library collections which have been financially hindered due to a number of ongoing trends. Waite-Franzen brought to attention that the absence of a science division representative on the task force seemed odd, since many of the expensive journal packages are science related. There was considerable discussion of this. The two science division representatives, McPeck and LaBelle, felt that the absence of a science representative might reflect that scientists are largely satisfied with the acquisitions policies as they are, although Kirk noted that science does have its share of the concerns about inadequate offerings. LaBelle will bring the issue up at the upcoming Science Divisional Council meeting to check whether any science division chairs are concerned about naming a science division representative to the task force, and inform Horrell of the outcome.

Seaman presented the plans for the Jones Media Center renovations which will begin around December 1<sup>st</sup> and completed or during Winter term. The scale of the project was reduced, but had remarkably minimal effects on the outcome, which includes all the major components of the original plans, most notably the innovation center and many more spaces for collaborative work.

Taxman presented a proposed capital project to make significant renovations to Berry Lower Level for Rauner Library collections in order to enhance the experimental learning of undergraduates by efficient access to these materials. The project also proposes additional security improvements for Rauner.

The meeting concluded with a call for agenda items for future meetings, and an announcement that the next meeting will be held on Monday November 10. The meeting was adjourned about 1:25 PM.

James LaBelle, Chair