Council on the Libraries  
Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2016  

Present: Borsuk (chair), Dietrich, Horrell, Irwin, Kahl, Kenseth, Kirk, Luxon, Taxman, Wybourne  

Guests: Baron, Braunstein, DeFelice and Green  

1. Welcome and Introductions  

2. Approval of March 31, 2016 minutes  

Minutes approved  

3. Open Access, Updates/Reflections  

Barbara DeFelice, Program Director, Scholarly Communication, Copyright and Publishing, and Jen Green, Digital Scholarship Librarian  

Jeff remarked on how valuable the work of the Council on the Libraries has been throughout this academic year as the advisory group on the implementation of the Dartmouth Faculty Open Access Policy and the Dartmouth Academic Commons (DAC). He emphasized the importance of continuing that work in the next academic year, through inclusion of this work in the CoL’s annual report and on the agenda for the October 2016 meeting.  

Jen reviewed the significant progress that has been made regarding the OA policy implementation since the CoL convened at the October 2015 meeting. Highlights include the development of the DAC Interim Deposit, policies for DAC, many discussions with faculty about what they need in this system, and the pilot project with Thayer School of Engineering. Her presentation is an attachment to the minutes.  

Barbara gave a brief update on two initiatives  

- The Library received a grant through the DCAL Experiential Learning Initiative: “Preparing students to be arbiters of new scholarship: Editing, reviewing, and publishing in the 21st century”. A very productive launch event on May 25th, with students and others involved in student journal publishing, pointed to several issues that are of particular interest to the students  

- Dartmouth sponsors an early career researcher to attend OpenCon, and the competitive grant process by which the person is chosen will be announced soon. OpenCon is a conference that is described as “a platform for the next generation to learn about Open Access, Open Education, and Open Data, develop critical skills, and catalyze action toward a more open system of research and education.”  

4. Library Staff, Evolving Roles  

Jill Baron, Librarian for Romance Languages & Latin American Studies presented on the Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad program in Cuba and the Martin Chambi Photographic Archive
Laura Braunstein, Digital Humanities and English Librarian presented on the role of Digital Humanities going forward. In particular, she:

- Shared short videos on the projects, “Multimedia in the Long 18th Century” and “Remix the Manuscript: A Chronicle of Digital Experiments”
- Described peer review of digital humanities research
- Explained digital pedagogy: the role of digital humanities in teaching and research
- Highlighted the need for librarian professional development in this area
- Described developing communities of learning and practice

5. Eliz Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Services gave an update on the Ivies Plus Collections. By envisioning a “Collective Collection” across member universities, the Ivies Plus partnership gives the Dartmouth community extended access to the collections of multiple large research libraries. The participating universities are improving their shared catalog of resources and enhancing their shared collection of digital “grey literature” such as federal reports.

6. Statement of Appreciation

Jeff Horrell will retire as Dartmouth’s Dean of Libraries and Librarian of the College at the end of June. Thus, let the minutes record the CoL’s deep gratitude for Dean Horrell’s 11 years at the helm of the College library system. As exemplified by his work with the CoL, Jeff has developed a library environment that values personal interaction and input from the full campus community.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM.