



## COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

### Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

**Present:** Betsinger, Davis, Hoyt, McCabe, Mehrer, Parker, Snyder

**Apologies:** Aguado, Francis, Glueck, Jrolf, Kahl, McCullough, Shin, Simons, Webb

**Library Leadership Team:** Chamberlain, Peterson

#### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of meeting held on April 10, 2019 were approved.

#### 3. Matters arising from previous meeting

None.

#### 4. Benchmarking Data: Budget and Expenditure

*Sue Mehrer, Dean of Libraries, and Ken Peterson, Associate Librarian for Access & Collection Strategies*

The Council had previously expressed interest in learning more about how the Library budget and expenditure compares to peer institutions. At the May meeting, therefore, the Dean introduced an overview based on the 2018 data surveys the Library participated in (the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS) by the National Center for Education Statistics, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL)). She cautioned that many of these data surveys have complementary questions as well as variations in definitions, therefore the data presented would only serve as a broad overview. Ken Peterson then shared some of the findings from a peer comparison of overall expenditures, collections expenses, circulation trends and electronic journal use. The peer comparison included Ivy Plus libraries as well as a number of institutions that Dartmouth regularly considers in peer reviews. In overall expenditure, Dartmouth Library ranked at the bottom end compared to this benchmarking group of 20 institutions. However, in terms of library materials expenditure per FTE (faculty and students), the Library ranked fourth after Princeton, Yale and Rice.

#### 5. University of California and Elsevier Negotiations

*Daniel Chamberlain, Associate Librarian for Digital Strategies*

Daniel Chamberlain presented on the current situation and broader context related to the University of California's decision to discontinue negotiations with Elsevier. He discussed the history and rationale for the UC decision, including an emphasis on the partnership between UC faculty, library leadership, and administration. In terms of context, Daniel talked through the actions taken by other institutions in the US and internationally, the Dartmouth Library budget, and the changing nature of the for-profit publishers' business model. Sue highlighted that the core concern expressed across all of these developments is that there is a mismatch in the value systems between for-profit publishers and institutions of higher education. Dartmouth has already made progress in establishing certain policies and developing a research management infrastructure, but much work remains to be done

to highlight these issues across campus. Members of the Library leadership team will continue to brief relevant faculty and academic leaders in anticipation of developing a coordinated negotiation and policy-development strategy.

## **6. Research Hub**

### ***Daniel Chamberlain, Associate Librarian for Digital Strategies***

Daniel provided a brief update on the progress of the [pop-up Research Hub](#) located on the second floor of the Berry Library. The hub launched on April 8<sup>th</sup> and would run through May 24<sup>th</sup>. It is staffed during daytime hours by a mix of experts drawn from the Library, Research Computing, the Office for Sponsored Programming, and GrantsGPS. In addition to being available for drop-in support, the dedicated spaces in and just outside the Evans Map room are being used to support workshops, training sessions, and working group meetings. The Library and its partners will assess the outcomes from this pilot project once the term ends, with a plan to refine and redevelop a similar set of spaces and services as we move toward a formalized program.

## **7. Berry Library Visioning Project**

### ***Sue Mehrer, Dean of Libraries***

Over the past three months, the Library had been working with Shepley Bulfinch Architects and the academic community across the campus to capture current and emerging needs, assess opportunities and possibilities, and develop a shared vision for spaces that would advance its ability to meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century scholarship. The Dean presented initial design concepts for re-imagined spaces in Berry Library. The concepts include a brighter, more open first floor; a staircase to the second floor making a clear visual connection to the upper floors; a technology rich IDEAS Lab on the second floor; Teacher/Scholar studios for integrated and interdisciplinary teaching; and a dedicated faculty research suite on the top floor.

## **8. Upcoming Library Events:**

The Dean reminded the Council of these upcoming Library events:

- Dartmouth Library Book Talks: The Indian World of George Washington by Colin Calloway (8 May)
- Presentation by Matika Wilbur, Artist and Founder of Project 562: Changing the Way we see Native America (9 May)

## **9. Any Other Business**

Ken proposed a pilot project for a revised loan policy for Dartmouth Affiliates which include Faculty, Students, Staff and Alumni (does not affect non-Dartmouth users such as visitors or high school students). The proposed policy changes include extending the loan period for all books, DVD, and media (except for equipment or reserves) to 1 year for all Dartmouth Affiliate and no longer charging overdue fines for regular materials (with the exceptions of equipment, reserves, and recall fines). The pilot would begin July 2019, would be evaluated in April 2020, and a report presented to the Council on Libraries in May 2020. The Council approved the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 13.30.