



COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2019

Present: Betsinger, Castelot, Chor, Clarke, Dusseau, Glueck, Goodman, McCabe, Mehrer, Webb

Apologies: Davis, Parker, Snyder, Aguado, Francis, Ramasekaran

Library Leadership Team: Chamberlain, Peterson, Taxman

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting and introduced Skip Cook, the new executive assistant to the Dean of the Libraries, who will provide administrative support for the Council meetings.

2. Minutes of meeting held on October 16, 2019 were approved.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

None.

4. FY19 Annual Report to the Provost

Sue Mehrer, Dean of Libraries

The Dean gave an overview of the Library's Annual Report for FY19, which was prepared for and submitted to the Provost's Office, and had been distributed to the CoL prior to the meeting. She highlighted major developments in support of the Library's strategic objectives and priorities, including the implementation of a new Library Services Platform (LSP), capital project plans for long term collections storage, and the Library's priority for the Capital Campaign - reimagining Berry Library for 21st Century Scholarship.

5. Revised Loan Policy Pilot

Ken Peterson, Associate Librarian for Access & Collections Strategies

Ken Peterson explained the Library's Loan Policy Pilot (LPP) which began on July 19 and will run through April. Data on the pilot program, including the impact on recall and collections, will be presented to the Council on the Libraries (CoL) at the meeting on May 20, 2020. A summary of the changes to the loan policy was distributed to CoL in advance of the meeting.

Peterson noted on the ground feedback has been positive.

There was some discussion about the impact of the generous timeframe on the availability of materials on the shelves and if the timeframe will result in more lost materials. These questions stress the need for intentional data gathering prior to the May meeting of the CoL.

On a related note, one council member indicated some trouble with new Discovery System interface. The interface doesn't show all of the materials a library user has checked out. Daniel Chamberlain, indicated that users have an option within in the interface to see a larger number of materials, however they are providing feedback to the vendor on this issue.

6. Research Data Support and Programs

Daniel Chamberlain, Associate Librarian for Digital Strategies

Daniel Chamberlain provided an update on the Library's efforts to take a strategic approach to the management of the digital tools and workflows that support scholarly work with research data. He presented a grid which outlined the key areas of data acquisition, use, and sharing-

The beginnings of this approach are being seen on campus in such efforts as a data lab on the second floor of the Berry Library and support for research in areas such as business and economics, STEM and biomedical, and computational social sciences and humanities. These efforts are the result of collaboration with campus colleagues, such as research computing and ITC.

The goal is for the Library to have a comprehensive data program that is legible by the community and provides support for the use of data by students, faculty and staff in all areas of scholarly work.

7. Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation – Collections Initiatives & Developments

Ken Peterson, Associate Librarian for Access & Collections Strategies

The Dean presented background on the Borrow Direct program which began in 1999. Based on success of Borrow Direct, member institutions thought they could do more if the network was more intentional in how they work together, and the Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation (IPLC) grew as a result of these efforts. In 2017, the confederation identified three strategic priorities: sustaining and improving resource sharing, collaborative collection development and management, and collaborative leadership to change scholarly communication systems.

Ken Peterson explained that beginning in 2012, the confederation began to increase its reach by coordinating what each institution adds to its individual collections. He gave the example of Brazilian monographs, where institutions were assigned different Brazilian states to focus their acquisitions to add more depth and breadth to the IPLC. A similar initiative exists for contemporary composers and Latin American art. These coordinated efforts eliminate redundancies in collections and leverage the resources of the institutions at the network level.

Peterson also highlighted the efforts the IPLC has made in the area of web archiving--harvesting content of web sites that might be at risk of disappearing.

Finally, Peterson updated the CoL on the Borrow Direct Shared Index Project. There was discussion over the details and access to the 90 million items in the collections of member institutions. Discussion ensued regarding the potential for data analysis across the IPLC's 90 million items. It was emphasized that while not all of the items are uniquely identified and available, the confederation is working with an outside vendor to analyze the metadata for the 90 million items.

8. Any other Business (AOB)

None

9. Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 13:32.