

Annual Report 2015-2016

Council on the Libraries

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Introduction

The Council on the Libraries (CoL) represents the faculty in regards to maintaining the excellence of the Library with respect both to its holdings and services and to its usefulness to the educational community. It advises the Dean of Libraries on formulation and implementation of policies for the acquisition, housing, and preservation of library resources, on development of library services for the benefit of the libraries' users, and on other matters of general library policy. It also advises on the apportionment of the acquisitions funds of the libraries, keeping the Dean of Libraries informed concerning library needs for programs of instruction and research, and serves as liaison between the Dean, the faculties of Dartmouth and the administration.

The Council on the Libraries meets approximately once per month during the academic year. The Council consists of the Dean of Libraries; the Provost or his or her representative; the Dean of College or his or her representative; six members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (two from each division, from different departments, appointed by the Committee on Organization and Policy); one member from each of the three Professional Schools; and three students, two undergraduates and one graduate. The Director of Academic Computing serves as a non-voting member.

Membership and Meeting Attendance

Inge-Lise Ameer <i>Interim Dean of the College</i>	(3/6)
Mark Borsuk <i>Associate Professor of Engineering</i>	(6/6)
Michael Dietrich <i>Professor of Biological Sciences</i>	(4/6)
Doug Irwin <i>John Sloan Dickey Third Century Professor of Social Sciences</i>	(1/6)
Steven Kahl <i>Associate Professor of Business Administration</i>	(3/6)
Joy Kenseth <i>Professor of Art History</i>	(2/6)
Tom Luxon <i>Professor of English</i>	(4/6)
Glenda Shoop <i>Director of Curricular Design and Evaluation, Office of Medical Education</i>	(2/6)
Zeynep Turkyilmaz <i>Assistant Professor of History</i>	(1/6)
David Webb <i>Professor of Mathematics</i>	(5/6)
<i>Ex Officio Members</i>	
Jeff Horrell <i>Dean of Libraries and Librarian of the College</i>	(5/6)
Eliz Kirk <i>Associate Librarian for Information Resources</i>	(6/6)
Jennifer Taxman <i>Associate Librarian for User Services</i>	(6/6)
Ellen Waite-Franzen <i>Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer</i>	(3/6)
Martin Wybourne <i>Vice Provost for Research</i>	(1/6)
<i>Regular Guests</i>	
Barbara DeFelice <i>Program Director, Scholarly Communication, Copyright, and Publishing</i>	(6/6)
Jen Green <i>Digital Scholarship Librarian</i>	(6/6)
Carole Meyers <i>Project Planner, Information Technology Services</i>	(3/6)

Summary

The Council met on six occasions this academic year. The Faculty Open Access Policy and Dartmouth Academic Commons continued to be major topics after the passage of the resolution by the Arts and Sciences Faculty at its April, 2015 meeting. Additional topics included the allocation of scholar study spaces, “strategic priorities” pertaining to the library system for future capital campaign planning, and digital scholarship. The 2015-16 academic year was notable for being the last for Jeffrey Horrell, Dean of Libraries and Librarian of the College for the past 11 years, before his retirement from Dartmouth at the end of June, 2016.

Scholar Study Spaces

At its first meeting the Council addressed the assignment and overall administration of scholar study spaces in Baker Library. The key concern was that critical aspects of the current policy for assigning study spaces have not been consistently applied. In particular, neither the designation nor the occupancy time limits have been carefully enforced (e.g., there are many studies that have been occupied by the same people for multiple years, people do not respond to requests to vacate their studies, many spaces have become permanently occupied by emeritus faculty, there is not enough space for visiting scholars).

The following recommendations were made:

1. Increase the number of studies available to undergraduate honors and graduate thesis writers by designating all 4th floor studies to student scholars. Library Access Services would continue to assign and manage these spaces.
2. Increase the number of studies for visiting faculty and visiting scholars by designating all 5th floor studies for this purpose. Library Access Services will continue to manage the key distribution and maintenance of these spaces.
3. Increase the opportunity for tenure-track or tenured faculty to have access to a study for focused research by designating all 6th floor studies for this purpose. Transfer the assignment of the studies to the Dean of Faculty office. Library Access Services will continue to manage the key distribution and maintenance of these spaces.
4. Provide long-term occupancy to scholar studies based on defined needs by designating the 7th floor studies as permanently assigned to Emeritus Faculty actively engaged in research or to those faculty who require a study for longer than 2 years. Transfer the assignment of the studies to the Dean of Faculty office. Access Services staff would continue to perform the upkeep and necessary maintenance of these spaces.

Faculty Open Access Policy and Dartmouth Academic Commons

The Arts and Sciences Faculty passed the Open Access Policy and at its April, 2015 meeting. This policy charged the Council on Libraries, in conjunction with the Dartmouth Library and others, to develop and monitor a plan for a service or mechanism that would render implementation of the policy as part of the Open Digital Repository for Dartmouth Scholarship as convenient for the faculty as possible. It also charged the Council with reviewing the implementation of the policy and service model for the repository after three years and subsequently preparing a report to the faculty.

The Dartmouth Academic Commons (DAC) is the repository for fulfilling the intent of the Dartmouth Faculty Open Access Policy by providing open access, preservation, and management over the long term for content created by members of the Dartmouth community. It

is a joint project of Dartmouth's Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Dartmouth College Library (DCL). ITS is responsible for Project Management, system architecture, and programming, and the DCL is focusing on the development of policies, the education and outreach components of the DAC project, and supporting the programming. The Council on the Libraries is the key advisory group for policies about the development of DAC.

In the 2015-16 academic year, the Council took up some key questions on the implementation of the Faculty Open Access Policy and DAC. In particular, it was decided that the start date for the Dartmouth Faculty Open Access Policy will be the date that a minimum implementation is in place to fulfill the intention of the Policy (i.e., when there is a means for deposit of articles and a means for viewing and downloading the articles). Legally, the retention of rights in the Policy is in place upon voting to accept the policy. Once the start date is known, and all of the schools at Dartmouth have the Dartmouth Faculty Open Access Policy in place, the Library can communicate that to the journal publishers with whom Dartmouth faculty publish.

The Council reviewed the Interim Deposit System for DAC, posted on the Council on the Libraries web site and described on the DAC web page. The involvement of Fellows and Post-Docs in the DAC was discussed, and although their work is eligible, the Dartmouth Faculty Open Access Policy does not apply to them unless they are members of the faculty groups that voted for the policy; this is, members of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Thayer Faculty, and Geisel Faculty. A FAQ document was approved, which addresses third party licensed materials in journal articles. In March, a flyer advertising the Open Access Policy and how faculty can participate in DAC was reviewed. A pilot project with the Thayer School of Engineering was initiated.

The importance of publishing members of the Dartmouth community obtaining and ORCID was discussed. ORCID is a persistent, unambiguous digital identifier that supports automated linkages between authors and their scholarly output. The Council made the following recommendations regarding ORCID:

- Ask the Dean of the Faculty to include a request for faculty to sign up for an ORCID when the annual letter asking for the "supplemental report" goes out to faculty in May.
- Distribute postcards and flyers advertising the DAC and the role of ORCID more widely.
- Continue work with Office of Sponsored Projects on this issue, due to the need to have these for some funding agencies.

Library "Strategic Priorities" Proposals

The Council reviewed the following seven proposals submitted by the Library as part of the "Strategic Priorities" request for future Dartmouth capital campaign planning:

- The Dartmouth Scholars' Collaboratory
- The Open Dartmouth Scholarship Program
- Building Collections in Support of Faculty Clusters
- Biomedical Library and Learning Center
- Performing Arts Library and Learning Commons
- Kresge Science Information and Scholarship Center
- Dartmouth Library Fellows – Distinguishing Our Teaching and Mentorship Experience

Digital Scholarship

The Council reviewed initiatives pertaining to digital scholarship at several of its meetings. In particular, a presentation was given on the Digital Scholarship Center Initiative, digital humanities projects, and the digitization of library collections. The Library collaborates with students, faculty, and staff on these issues and is making new investments to promote innovative research and teaching, respond to increasing demand for global access to collections, and enhance digital production and preservation.

Dean of Libraries Transition

After eleven years of service, Jeff Horrell is retiring as Dartmouth's Dean of Libraries and Librarian of the College. In March, the Council met with Dennis Washburn, chair of the search committee for a new dean. Washburn described the composition of the search committee and its planned process. He also received comments from members of the Council regarding desirable candidate attributes.

At its final meeting of the year, the Council voted to express its deep gratitude for Dean Horrell's leadership of the Dartmouth College library system. Dean Horrell has developed a library environment that values personal interaction and input from the full campus community, as well exemplified by his work with the Council.