

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE (ULC) MINUTES

2/15/08; 4:00 – 5:20 p.m.

PRESENT:

B. Hewett, CHAIR; K. Flowers, *ex officio*; K. Austin, D. Beard, J. Groom, V. Kantabutra, T. Letzring, H. McAdam, T. Payne, L. Smith, C. Whitaker. Guest: Sandra Shropshire, Library's AUL for Technical Services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from Jan. 18, 2008 were approved.

BUSINESS:

1. S. Christelow Request

S. Christelow has a scheduling conflict and cannot attend the ULC meetings for this semester. It was decided that she should send a replacement for the remaining meetings.

2. Bylaws

Hewett pointed out the revisions to which the ULC had agreed last meeting.

3. PATRIOT Act Update

Payne had requested information on how the PATRIOT Act affects libraries, particularly the Oboler Library. Flowers responded by describing the "gag order" which makes it illegal for librarians to disclose FBI action against library patrons, which may now be instituted with just a National Security Letter, rather than the previously required search warrant. Libraries (including Oboler) have reacted to this invasion of privacy by breaking the link between book and borrower once a book is returned to the library. All record retention and statistical needs have been reviewed, and only required records are kept.

4. Library Budget Presentation

Flowers shared the presentation she had just made to ISU's Budget Planning Committee. Keeping the Library's Mission and ISU's Draft Strategic Plan in mind, Flowers laid out three potential scenarios for FY09: Scenario 1, a 0% increase to the library's budget; Scenario 2, a 3% increase (\$149,970); and Scenario 3, a 5% reduction. These figures are misleading. Journal subscription prices are inflated annually (and until last year, the state legislature had funded the inflation). To merely break even, the library needs \$338,486 to maintain the collections. A 5% cut actually represents a loss of 23% of the current acquisitions budget. The committee discussed various sources of funding for the library.

5. Procedures for Applying for Overhead Account Funds

Following the distribution of the related documents, discussion ensued, focusing on such issues as, if extra library funds were to be allocated based on productivity, how would productivity be measured (given the differences between departments

and how they do research)? How can scholars who are considered unproductive become more productive without the necessary research resources?
Flowers invited further input on this issue, which will be included on next month's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi N. Austin

Documents distributed: Agenda for 2/15/2008; [Draft minutes 1/18/08](#); [Invitation via Heather McAdam \(ULC Undergraduate Representative\) to President's Second Annual Ball](#), 2/15/08; [Email from Stephanie Christelow regarding schedule conflict \(Agenda item 1\)](#); [Revised ULC Bylaws](#) (dated 1/18/2008); [Flowers' Library Budget Request](#) (PowerPoint Presentation dated FY09); ["Library Overhead Account" document](#) includes Policies / Procedures for Spending Library Account 826-021-20 and Request for Special Research Purchase (Draft 2/15/2008).