The University Library Committee (hereafter the UCL) meets roughly once a month to discuss the Library's initiatives; new and ongoing issues facing the Library; and the Library's response to these issues.

**Overall State of the Library** The UCL used the 2006 Report to the Provost of the Task Force on University Libraries as a focus for understanding the state of the Library. At the invitation of the UCL, Robert Bernhard, the Vice President for Research, met with the UCL to discuss the report and the Library's place in the research infrastructure of the University.

The Library, which is already implementing many of the task force recommendations, has made tough decisions that have turned out quite successful. For example, the Library was one of the first of the major university libraries to eliminate paper in favor of electronic versions of journals. This decision, combined with "smart shopping" through consortial purchasing for larger discounts due to volume, allowed the Library to significantly increase the Library materials that are readily available. It also mitigated a coming crisis of insufficient library space for journals and books.

One Task Force recommendation, which has permanence as a metric for the quality of the Library, is for the Library to

- “Achieve and sustain a top ten percent ranking among the nation's academic research libraries for material acquisitions per T&R faculty.”

Though no benchmark captures everything, significant investment in the acquisition of library materials, e.g., books, digital media, microfilm, licensed access to electronic journals and databases, is a robust measure of how well the Library is able to meet the library needs of faculty and students. This is essential if the University is to fulfill its aspirations of being the premier Catholic research university.

The University Library was in the top ten percent of the 113 ARL (Association of Research Libraries) libraries in 2002 but has drifted down to thirteen percent in 2006 (the most recent year for which we have rankings). To quantify matters, consider that in the 2006 ARL rankings by

- Total Materials Expenditures divided by Total Teaching Faculty, the school in eleventh place on the boundary of top ten percent is the University of California at Berkeley with an expenditure of $12,703 per faculty member. The University of Notre Dame came in fifteenth with an expenditure of $10,878 per faculty member. Thus, to reach its stated goals, the University of Notre Dame needs $1,160 new money per faculty member, i.e., a little over $1,000,000 new dollars per year. An important part of maintaining the University’s standing relative to this metric is to add at least $12,000 new recurring dollars for every new faculty line added. To the extent that a new hire is in a new direction, which requires building up a new area, additional one-time startup funds should be budgeted.

**Copyright Matters** Prompted by the changing publishing landscape, and the overall increase in the restrictiveness of copyright agreements, the UCL had an extended discussion of copyright issues. At the UCL's invitation, Mike Edwards, Assistant Vice President of the Graduate School, and Tim Flanagan, Associate Vice President and Counsel, met with the UCL. They gave general background and clarified some of the issues. Copyright issues are pervasive. For example, for faculty,

1. the legality of a faculty posting a version of an article he or she has had published, e.g., posting the preprint they had before the article's acceptance, depends on the copyright agreement; and

2. depending on the copyright agreement for a given work, a faculty member may or may not be able to use parts of that work without permission from the publisher.
The UCL made the resolution

- The University Committee on Libraries (UCL) encourages the University Libraries to pursue, with the support of the UCL, collaborative initiatives on campus for the education of faculty, staff, and students on copyright rules and issues.

The Library has a patchwork quilt of different rights to the use of different scholarly works. The rights can sometimes ameliorate the significant portion of the cost of course packs due to copyright fees that must be paid by a for-profit entity. Access to course materials through electronic reserves has grown into an important service of the Library: it has helped cap the cost of course packs. This service has highlighted the need for the library to have a database of contract provisions, so that it can be known which library resources can be used for course reserves and course packs without additional fees.

In light of the impact of intellectual property issues on the library, the UCL made the resolution

- The UCL recommends that the Director of the University Libraries be appointed an ex officio member of the University Committee on Intellectual Property (UCIP). The UCL further recommends that a library faculty member (recommended by the library or elected) be a member of the UCIP.

Preservation and Retention of University Libraries Collections In discussions with Gay Dannelly, Associate Director for Resources and Collection Services, and Julie Arnott, Head of the Preservation Department, the UCL gained a broad picture of the Library's ongoing transition from print to electronic media. There are many difficult issues to grapple with as we move further away from the classical library with an extensive physically present collection toward a modern library with rights to access centralized print and/or digital repositories. For example, one issue is, how much of the Library's resources should be devoted to local archiving of journals especially but also of some books possibly in print and/or digital format? It is also important to consider unique and varying disciplinary modes of accessing books and journals. Giving up possession of certain library materials to centralized repositories will allow for quick access to extensive materials, but there is much more interdependency in working with other libraries in collection development and preservation, and will create shelving capacity for housing new print books and journals.

The UCL will return to these issues next Fall when the Library prepares a Final Report on Preservation and Retention of University Libraries Collections.

Miscellaneous The UCL discussed the move to broaden access between the collections of the University of Notre Dame Library, the Notre Dame Kresge Law Library, St. Mary's University, Holy Cross, and Bethel University. The UCL supported these efforts for the good of the local community. Though the numbers are small, this does enlarge the scholarly materials available at the University.

The UCL familiarized itself with the new Library/OIT information commons in the Hesburgh Library.

Closing The University made a very significant 25 percent increase in the earnings of endowment funds. This is allowing the Libraries to make good progress in developing a sustainable library materials budget by which is meant a budget in which the annual income is sufficient to maintain serial commitments and book purchasing power on a recurring basis. Thus, the Libraries are better positioned to close the gap between the information resources faculty and students need and the sources that the Libraries can afford.
2007-08 Membership

Heidi Ardizzone, American Studies (at-large, expires ‘08/’09)
Charles E. Barber, Art, Art History and Design (Art, expires ‘08/’09)
Edmund Edmonds, Kresge Law Library (ex officio)
Mary Hirschfeld, Graduate Student Representative
Mary Keys, Political Science (Social Sciences, expires ‘10/’11)
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