2014-2015 Report of University Committee on Libraries

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Meetings: The committee met seven times in AY 2014-2015.

Activities:

1) The committee tracked the changes to the physical structure and digital resources of the University Libraries. These included the opening of an off-campus storage location for less commonly used collection items, ongoing renovation of Hesburgh Library, and the institution of new cataloging, information archiving, and digital scholarship resources.

2) An ad-hoc committee wrote a proposal to Provost Burish requesting a pilot program to help faculty pay open-access fees.

Meeting topics:

- October 2, 2014: Call for agenda items, reports from University Librarian and Kresge Law Librarian
- November 16, 2014: Discussion of CurateND program
- November 24, 2014: UCL meeting with Provost Burish regarding 5 year review of University Librarian
- February 12, 2015: Gift policy revised (making it easier for libraries to select items which are of most value to the collection). Demonstration of the ND Law Scholarship Repository by Ed Edmonds and Sandra Klein, discussion of connections with ND Curate. Presentation by Cheri Smith on Open Access fees and other problems and opportunities associated with the growth of open access publishing. Discussion continued to March 3.
- March 3, 2015: Follow up on Open Access issues. Ad Hoc committee formed to draft a proposal on open access fee support for Dr. Burish. Really shocking numbers on Library Acquisitions Funding: Serials in the 2015-16 Budget presented by Lou Jordan and Adriana Popescu. Discussion of need for more endowed library collections in STEM areas. In 2013-2014, our report suggested instituting an embedded development specialist for this purpose.
- May 14, 2015: Approval of Open Access Fee support proposal to be sent to Dr. Burish. Update on renovations, and reports from University Librarian and Kresge Law Librarian.