University Committee on Libraries
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2015

Members present:  Michael Altenburger, Matt Barrett, David Dressing, Kathleen Eberhard, Ed Edmonds, Mike Hildreth, Peggy Rowland (for Ron Kraemer), Marya Lieberman, Thomas Marullo, David Mayernik, Bridget Rickard, Diane Walker, and Michele Wolff, recorder

Absent: Peter Burns, Christopher Fox, and Barry Keating, Pierpaolo Polzonetti

Guests:  Lou Jordan and John Wang

Greeting and Welcome:  The meeting began at 8:02 a.m.  Marya Lieberman greeted the members of the University Committee on Libraries, and Diane Walker introduced the guests.

Approval of October 1 meeting minutes:  Bridget Rickard moved to accept minutes with some corrections, Ed Edmonds seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Approval of 2014-2015 Annual Report of the University Committee on Libraries:  Tom Marullo made a motion to accept the report with corrections, Matt Barrett seconded, and the report was approved.

Lieberman noted that UCL had proposed, in an earlier Annual Report, that an imbedded development officer be assigned to the Libraries.  She will send an invitation to Julia Sama and her manager in the Development Office to attend one of the spring UCL meetings.

Strategic Plan:  Diane Walker discussed the quantitative documentation supplement to the 2014-15 Strategic Plan update shared with the UCL at the previous meeting.  The goal of the quantitative measures report is to show how the Hesburgh Libraries are achieving goals that support the academic mission of the University.  The report includes information from the bi-annual ImproveND survey of faculty and staff and the Cooperative Institutional Research Program College Senior Survey, as well as other usage data.  UCL expressed interest in additional measures in future:  usage data for electronic resources as well as physical books; information on how much of the book was read; data on if the patron has used a satellite library on campus or consulted a research librarian, etc. Faculty would like learning analytics.  It was mentioned that an additional source of information about issues of importance to students might be the new online forum, Onward, which allows students to write in suggestions for campus services and vote on others’ suggestions. The topics with the highest votes result in student government investigating and responding to the concerns. The graduate students would like to participate in a survey about usage and library needs. Also, the Library should do outreach to Advisors and new faculty, as many of them may not be aware of the services, programs, and spaces available at the Library.  Dave Mayernick from Architecture expressed concerns about space for books generally, and for the continuing importance of books for the study of art, art history, and architecture. He asked about the aspirational goal for the collection and where it will be housed.  Walker responded that the offsite shelving annex which just opened has a capacity of 1.6 million volumes. She anticipates that humanities and arts print collections will continue to grow. Science and social science collections
are increasingly electronic. The libraries continue to add about 60,000 books per year. The branch library for music in the Campus Crossroads will house approximately 50,000 volumes. Shifts in publishing and how libraries manage print collections will impact space requirements as well, but there should be enough collections space in the Hesburgh Libraries for the next 10 years. Walker said that she will investigate opportunities for grad students to provide feedback.

Open Access Funding Proposal: The proposal requested from the Provost a 3-year pilot program to support publication charges and OA fees. The response from the Provost (see letter) said that deans prefer to provide this, rather than establishing central University funding. Lieberman received approval from UCL to contact all of the deans about OA support and funding procedures in their schools and colleges, and to explain how the burden of publication charges has shifted. Lieberman will draft an email to the deans, and each committee member could then approach their own dean. They should ask the deans what criteria are used by their college to address OA funding needs. Kathleen Eberhard said that in Arts and Letters, ISLA has funds in place for publishing. UCL approved writing a letter to the deans.

Open Access Conference – The date for the conference has been set for March 18-19, 2016. Please share information about the conference with colleagues and students (see attached flyer).

Bridget Rickard motioned to adjourn, Ed Edmonds seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.