University Committee on Libraries  
Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2016

Members present: Michael Altenburger, Matt Barrett, Peter Burns, Kathleen Eberhard, Ed Edmonds, Barry Keating, Marya Lieberman, Thomas Marullo, Pierpaolo Polzonetti, Bridget Rickard, Julie Tanaka, and Michele Wolff, recorder

Absent: David Dressing, Christopher Fox, Mike Hildreth, Ron Kraemer, David Mayernik, and Diane Walker

Guests: Lou Jordan, Peggy Rowland, and Cheri Smith

Greeting and Welcome: The meeting began at 8:04 a.m. Marya Lieberman greeted the members of the University Committee on Libraries.

Approval of February 4, 2016 meeting minutes: Barry Keating made a motion to accept the minutes, Matt Barrett seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Scholarly Communications Conference – Cheri Smith

Friday afternoon, September 30, and all day Saturday, October 1, a Scholarly Communications Conference will be held at Notre Dame. The conference, titled, “Rigor and Relevance in Scholarly Publishing: New Realities, New Metrics, New Methods and What It Means for You,” is co-sponsored by the Hesburgh Libraries, the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, and Notre Dame Research. The focus is on publishing, including article level metrics, open access mandates, altmetrics, and electronic book publishing. The target audience is graduate students, early-career faculty, members of committees on appointments and promotion, and any faculty contemplating publishing in non-print journals. The Deans and Chairs and the Deans Executive Committee will have their own session. Cheri Smith asked Michael Altenburger to notify the Graduate Student Union so they can get the message to grad students. Marya Lieberman inquired about a session on how to cite these publications in a resume. Barry Keating inquired about having someone from a commercial press, in addition to Steve Wrinn from the Notre Dame Press, to be a speaker.

Ad Hoc Committee on Study Spaces – Ed Edmonds

Ed Edmonds reported that he met with two law students, one male and one female, who are assistant rectors. Those students were undergraduates at Notre Dame and lived in different dorms from those that they now serve as ARs. In certain instances, dorms have used financial allocations to convert some spaces in hallways to study areas. The students also reiterated the general proposition that space is being repurposed for residential and social spaces, and students have trouble finding study space, particularly during peak times. The committee will give Edmonds the notes from the meeting and will talk to other ARs about their ideas and suggestions. The Committee has looked at the use of the Kresge Law Library. The Law Library is in the process of purchasing work surfaces that can be used in the South Reading Room with large chairs and sofas.

Edmonds suggested that UCL carry this committee forward into the next year. Ron Kraemer wants to inventory how space is being used. Edmonds asked for input on the Hesburgh Library’s 10th floor and how it
is being used. He also wanted to add the branch libraries to the survey. He said that the University needs to consider space beyond libraries for study space and that the committee needs buy-in from the whole campus if it wants to successfully address this issue. The Ad Hoc Committee wants to hold focus groups by college and majors. It is important to also have representation from discipline-specific and branch libraries. Rickard added that students are always looking for quiet spaces to study including classrooms that are not being used at certain times. The University needs to look at optimal study space versus the best available space. The registrar maintains a list of available rooms but stated that security is an issue when allowing students to use unsupervised areas, particularly during the late evening or early morning hours.

**Kresge Law Library – Ed Edmonds**

The Kresge Law Library currently has two openings to fill – a Research Librarian and a Metadata staff position. The Library is in the process of interviewing candidates.

A Search Committee has been chosen to look into Edmonds’s replacement when he transitions into emeritus status at the end of this year. The Dean of the Law School will chair that committee, and there is no timetable yet for the search.

The American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools conducted their accreditation visit two weeks ago. The site evaluation committee commented positively on the level of service in the Law Library.

**Hesburgh Library – Lou Jordan**

In Diane Walker’s absence, an update was given by Lou Jordan, Associate University Librarian.

Renovation - The library has received permission to move forward with plans to complete the renovation of the first and second floors of Hesburgh Library. Newly designed spaces will include a collaboration hub, a grand reading room, and a research commons on the first floor, while the second floor will include the Center for Digital Scholarship, a technology row, reader seating, a teaching and collaboration hub, administrative offices, and special collections. Work will proceed in phases through 2020.

Math Library – The O’Meara Math Library is moving 30,000 serial issues to make room for Math faculty offices.

Crossroads Project – The new music library will be built as a part of the Campus Crossroads project, and will open in 2018.

Architecture Library – The new Architecture Library will be located in the new Architecture Building which will be opening in 2018 (tentatively). Bond Hall will be reallocated to other academic units.

Fr. Hesburgh’s office will stay as is for the foreseeable future.

The next meeting will be May 5.

Matt Barrett moved to adjourn, Edmonds seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.