

Senate Library Services Committee

Minutes of the meeting on April 10, 2008

Present: Dean/Director C. Filstrup, Chair R. Shrock; J. Jo, K. Nyitray, F. J. Torre, M. Vigneaux (recorder)

Members Absent: H. Ahn, J. Bock, B. Butt, F. Cash, A. W. Godfrey, S. Koch, J. Lochhead, , L.-S. Wang

Minutes of 3/13/08 approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND DISCUSSION:

Dean and Director of Libraries Chris Filstrup gave a report on the budget. With a 3.2% base cut anticipated as stated by University President Kenny, the library would face a \$320 thousand decrease. The library also anticipates a \$300 thousand inflationary increase. To cope with that, the library is asking the science and engineering departments to identify \$175 thousand of serials to cut. Robert Shrock commented that the Physics/Astronomy Department can meet the required cut of 10% in journal subscriptions without a disaster situation.

Chris Filstrup continued with space issues. There is some discussion by the university administration to use the commuter lounge area for retail shops managed by FSA (food + boutiques). Located on the academic mall, such retail establishments could potentially bring in revenue.

Chris Filstrup mentioned that he and a few library staff met with the head of Cold Spring Harbor Lab Library. CSHL receives grants for digitization, which is of interest to our Special Collections. CSHL is using social network software to connect to their alumni. Filstrup shared that information with the Advancement office.

Chris Filstrup suggested that SUNY-wide libraries prepare a single copy policy for outdated reference materials. Jason Torre emphasized the importance of making this policy available to President Kenny as she meets with the public on and off campus. We don't want to repeat the HSC incident in which a request was made for material that already had been discarded in the dumpster. Julitta Jo added that most of the HSC holdings are electronic, and HSC does not need storage space as it is 1/3 the size of the main Library.

UPDATE ON SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Kristen Nyitray informed the committee about an exhibit of English language Chinese cookbooks at Wang Center to be held on April 28 – May 30. SSK's office has covered the cost of renting space and printing postcards. The free reception for this event will be held on May 6. Special Collections, along with the historical documents advisory board, has approved the loan of the George Washington letter to Ward Melville Heritage Organization. The letter will be available at Family Day, held on May 17, 12:00 – 3:00 pm at Brewster House. This is the first loan and appropriately to one of the local historical societies. The Brewster House has recently been approved as a historical registry property.

INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY:

Jason Torre made a presentation on SUNY's institutional repositories, D-space. The Mass. Institute of Technology initiated the idea of D-space (dark space) and through the efforts of Andrew White, Kristen Nyitray + Jason, Stony Brook University began using it in 2006 to deposit university-generated documents and research. For now there is text in PDF format and image, but no video or audio are uploaded to D-space. The subject matter includes: President Kenny's speeches and memos, university-wide committee reports, Provost and President lectures, and campus publications. As of spring 2008, graduate students are required to submit their dissertations in electronic format, which will then be converted to PDF for D-space. D-space can be accessed at www.dspace.sunyconnect and www.stonybrook.edu/libspecial/collections/archives/dspace. Chris Filstrup commented that as the work load increases, a Digitization Archivist Librarian will be needed.

MONOGRAPHS:

By referring to a graph, Chris Filstrup explained the continuing decrease in monographs purchased. The figures were for Chemistry Library, but the trend is the same for all subject areas.

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY:

Julitta Jo's term ends in Sept. 2008. Darren Chase was asked to continue in her place; Julitta will be an alternate.

ATTENDANCE:

There is a pattern of low attendance at Senate Library Services Committee, some of which is due to schedule conflicts with teaching duties.

The last meeting of the committee during the spring term will be on Thursday, May 8.