

University Libraries Committee Meeting

February 16, 2011

3:00 P.M. Joyner Library Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Cheryl McFadden, Chair  
Dr. Chal Benson  
Dr. Robert J. Campbell  
Dr. Margit Schmidt  
Dr. David Wilson-Okamura  
Dr. David Kimmel - Representative of Chair of the Faculty  
Dr. Dorothy Spencer (Ex-Officio Member)  
Ms. Jan Lewis (Ex-Officio Member)

Absent:

Dr. Chris Riley-Tilman  
Dr. Aysel Morin  
Dr. Larry Boyer (Ex-Officio Member)  
Dr. Hunt McKinnon - Representative of Faculty Senate

Guest: Ms. Beth Ketterman, Laupus Library

Dr. McFadden called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of the December 15, 2010 and January 19, 2011 meetings were approved as amended (adding a hyphen to David Wilson-Okamura's name).

Dr. McFadden congratulated Dr. Wilson-Okamura on his entertaining presentation at the last FaculTea. She encouraged committee members to attend the next FaculTea, which will be held February 24, 4:00-5:30 in the Teaching Resources Center. Dr. McFadden asked if the presentation would be videotaped. Ms. Lewis will check with Tom Skinner at ECU TV. Dr. Spencer recommended that whenever an individual is invited to speak at ECU, he or she should be asked to give permission to be videotaped at the time the invitation is extended.

The Library Committee invited Ms. Ketterman to discuss the proposed goal to support scholarly communications activities at ECU. Further stated, the goal reads as follows:

The Libraries Committee will serve as an advisory group to the Scholarly Communications Committee and its chair, Joseph Thomas of Joyner Library, to help promote awareness and best practices for scholarly communications at ECU. Specifically for FY 2010-2011, the LC will:

- Help plan and promote Open Access week activities scheduled for October 2011.
- Provide guidance to the Scholarly Communications Committee on how best to engage the ECU faculty on issues related to scholarly communications and open access issues.

The ensuing discussion covered new federal mandates for data management plans, the need for data curating and archiving, the need for faculty membership on the Scholarly Communications Committee and/or the need to form a separate Faculty Senate Committee specifically for Scholarly Communications, and the growth of open access journals that require author payments for publishing. After Dr. Wilson-Okamura stated that there appeared to be enough work to justify another committee, Dr. McFadden suggested that Ms. Ketterman or Mr. Joseph Thomas (chair of the Scholarly Communications Committee) contact the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees and request the formation of a new committee. Dr. Wilson-Okamura asked Ms. Ketterman for a list of topics that the Scholarly Communications Committee is considering for Open Access Week. She listed the following possibilities:

- Creative Commons – how to use it in research and publishing
- Graduate student issues – the ETD process and the implications of publishing one's thesis or dissertation online
- Promoting open access publishing by appealing to idealism – the benefits of sharing research
- Addressing anxiety about publishing in open access journals, particularly with regard to the tenure process

She and Ms. Lewis noted that most of the past programs on copyright, open access publishing from the publisher's point of view, and Open Journal Systems (the software used by ECU faculty to publish the *Journal of Curriculum & Instruction*) had not been well attended.

Dr. Kimmel noted that a top journal in his field charges \$350 to publish an open access article and that articles published as open access saw a five-fold increase in downloads. Ms. Ketterman discussed the \$5000 BioMed Central deposit account that Laupus Library established to pay 50% of certain open access publishing fees for ECU authors. Demand has increased substantially over the past two years.

Dr. Wilson-Okamura made a motion to adopt the second part of the goal: that the Library Committee would provide guidance to the Scholarly Communications Committee on how best to engage the ECU faculty on issues related to scholarly communications and open access issues. Dr. Campbell seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. For the next meeting, members were asked to think about the four possible topics for Open Access Week, ask for input from their unit's library committees, and come with ideas for refining the topics. Dr. Campbell expressed an interest in knowing about the impact factors of open access journals. Ms. Lewis will share some work that Mr. Thomas has done on this subject.

Dr. McFadden noted that she met with Dr. Spencer, Dr. Boyer, and Ms. Lewis on Feb. 2 to plan for the presentation she will make to the Faculty Senate on March 29. Dr. Spencer voiced her opinion that an important question will be whether the Faculty Senate thinks that the libraries are part of the academic core; if so, she thinks that a resolution to that effect would be in order. Dr. Wilson-Okamura agreed. Dr. Kimmel will find out when handouts need to be sent to Lori Lee for photocopying for Senators' packages. The committee will work back from that date to determine the date by which Dr. Spencer and Dr. Boyer will provide the latest budget information to Dr. McFadden. Dr. Wilson-Okamura noted that a pie chart might be the best way to present the information in the limited time allowed. Dr. McFadden encouraged committee members to attend the Faculty Senate meeting.

Dr. Spencer noted that Laupus had just undergone a \$110,000 one-time cut; Ms. Lewis indicated that Joyner's cut was approximately \$142,000 and that there was a possibility of an additional one percent cut.

Dr. Kimmel relayed a question from a colleague as to whether the libraries were "throwing out books because of the budget situation." Dr. Spencer and Ms. Lewis assured him that this was not the case, and discussed the criteria used for de-selection of monographs and

journals. Dr. Wilson-Okamura offered to share the de-selection guidelines Cindy Shirkey recently shared with faculty in the Department of English.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by Dr. McFadden.

The committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

Submitted by: Jan Lewis, Feb. 16, 2011