

University Libraries Committee
Minutes
March 8, 2006

Members Present: Dale Canelas (Ex-Officio), Jason Fleming, Blake Landor (Chair), Robin Lauriault and Jason Neelis

Members Absent: Charles Byrd, Richard Conley, Ralf Remshardt and Crystal Thorpe

Guest: Joe Aufmuth, Michelle Foss and Carol Kem

1. Stephanie Haas gave a presentation on Research papers as Commodities: Faculty publishing, Scholarly Communication, and Institutional Repositories Initiatives.

Objectives of the Scholarly Communication initiative:

- change the economic publishing model by unlinking the distribution of research results to publishers
- encourage the development of online open access repositories of articles and encourage researchers to deposit copies of their articles in these repositories
- inform researchers about alternatives to accepting publisher copyright agreements, i.e., to explain how authors can negotiate distribution rights
- facilitate the development of alternative online journals that will compete with the existing journals

What is needed by UF faculty in the short term:

- 1) An understanding of what the Scholarly Communication/Institutional Repository initiatives are and why they are gaining momentum.
- 2) The stance of funding agencies on these initiatives.
- 3) An understanding of their rights to negotiate copyright with publishers (see Creative Commons <http://creativecommons.org/> and associated SPARC Author Addendum [in process]).
- 4) A clarification of UF policies related to the submittal of papers to open access repositories.

Status of a UF Repository:

In 2004-05, the Library began exploring the potential role of a UF Repository.

Although the importance of research papers is recognized, even more critical are the digital resources that are created by the UF academic community that have ongoing research/educational values. These are neither captured nor archived in a systematic manner.

To rectify this situation, the Library is developing an institutional repository initiative for the campus which has as a long-term goal:

The systematic identification, ingest, serving, and digital archiving of the digital resources of the university.

Evaluating Faculty Research Collections -questions for faculty:

Supporting the corpus of published papers is the faculty's working research collection which may consist of correspondence, field journals and notes, lab notebooks, datasets, visual/audio formats created by the individual, etc. The same types of materials each of you may possess.

Some of these collections represent rich materials that will be of interest to researchers for years, some will not...

Questions:

What criteria would you use to decide that a faculty's papers has potential future research value?

Where the collection is not already in digital form, how would you determine the value of digitizing it?

ULC member recommendations:

- Distribute questionnaire to at least three individuals well know in the field of the materials in question.
 - Create guidelines for what type of faculty materials would be included (published papers, field notes, electronic data, etc)
 - Contact department heads to make them aware the library is interested in obtaining faculty materials.
2. The [February 8, 2006](#) minutes were approved.
 3. Michelle Foss and Carol Kem provided an explanation for the Committee on Committees recommended changes to the University Libraries Committee's proposed charter amendments ([see background](#)).

Carol Kem also offered the following suggestions:

- ULC Chair should attend all Policy Council meetings.
- ULC members could recommend more ex-officio members be added to the committee.
- ULC members could identify individuals that would be useful to the committee making sure to ask those individuals to add their own name to the nominating pool or ask permission for ULC members to nominate them. Carol Kem noted the Nominating Committee will still accept nominations although the initial deadline has passed.

The ULC members agreed to move forward with the Committee on Committees recommended changes to the University Libraries Committee's proposed charter amendments.

4. Library Senator Joe Aufmuth, ULC Chair Blake Landor, and Interim Assistant Director of Library Support Services Bill Covey attended the February 22, 2006 Budget Council meeting to present the library café proposal for sharing half of the expected 10.4% commission with Business Services. Bob Miller, Associate VP of Finance and Administration, was there. He said that Business Services needed that money to support

its food services and equipment campus wide. No commitment was made by the Budget Council to support the proposal, but the chair, Frank Bova, said he was sympathetic to the library's plight and would investigate further.

5. Dale Canelas reported that she will address the Faculty Senate on March 23rd to present the dire state of the library's budget requiring \$750,000 in serials cuts if the library's budget does not substantially improve for FY 2007. A letter has also been distributed to the faculty regarding these same cuts and the continual decline in financial support for UF Libraries relative to peer institutions during the past five years.