

University Libraries Committee
Minutes
February 23, 2007

Members Present: John Ingram (Ex-Officio), Mitchell Knutson, Robin Lauriault, Ruth Lowery, Miramanni Mishkin-Chavez, Gloria Moore, Jeffrey Needell, Jason Neelis, Ralf Remshardt (Chair)

Members Absent: Alexander Hammell, Joachim Hammer, Andrew Jenkins, Danielle Vitale

1. The [December 11, 2006](#) minutes were approved as written.
2. As a faculty senate committee, by mid March the University Libraries Committee (ULC) is expected to provide a report of the committee's activities. Dr. Remshardt thought it might be appropriate to include a few recommendations/thoughts about the Future of the Libraries Task Force report. ULC members reviewed and discussed the Future of the Libraries Task Force [report](#). After a lengthy discussion the committee voted to endorse the report. Dr. Remshardt will draft the report making sure to include the below points in an addendum. He will circulate the draft document to ULC members for feedback prior to submitting it to the faculty senate.
 - State of the Libraries: currently a liability for hiring, recruitment and retention
 - Provost response: request the senate to request the Provost to provide a formal response to the FOL Report
 - Space Issues: although it is true compact shelving in Library West is not the most desirable form of shelving and does not offer a permanent solution (if it had not been used the building would already be out of space) to space issues; space issues at the AFA Library (need new bldg) and the Music Library (need new bldg) are a more immediate concern. It should also be noted collections at the Education Library are underdeveloped due to space constraints.
 - Resource allocation: The report recognizes the importance of developing graduate programs at the MA & PhD level across the university if the expectation is the University is seeking top 10 status. If so, there must be adequate library resources to support new and growing programs across disciplines and colleges.
 - Colonnade: the report recognizes the undesirable appearance of the colonnade when approaching it from the Plaza of Americas. It was noted a Plaza of Americas Task Force looking at the plaza and surrounding areas.
 - Access to the library via automobile: lack of parking
3. General Updates

ULC Chair Activities: Dr. Ralf Remshardt attended the Library West dedication ceremony. He addressed attendees on behalf of the ULC and accepted the building on behalf the University of Florida faculty. He has also been attending the Council on Academic Infrastructure and Support meetings.

Dean of University Libraries Search: Judith Russell, Government Printing Office and Dr. Steven Smith, Texas A&M has been invited back for a second round of face-to-face interviews. Dr. Smith's itinerary and CV is currently posted on the UF Provost Office web site. Judith Russell's should be posted in the near future. Dr. Remshardt encouraged ULC members to attend the ULC portion of the interview sessions.
4. The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2007.