

University Libraries Committee
Minutes
March 23, 2009

Members Present: Kyle Huey, Rae Jesano (Chair), *Lela Lynch, Russ Metler, Leah Rosenberg, Judy Russell & Brenda Smith

Members Absent: Frank Chapman, Anna-Maria Hagen, Ruth Lowery, David Leavitt, and Jeff Needell

*Minutes Taker

Meeting called to order at 9:04am

I Minutes Approval

Minutes for February 20, 2009 were approved & can be posted.

II Budget

Judy updated the group that there is another Town Hall Meeting this afternoon at 2:30pm. Judy showed everyone the updated power point presentation, which will be presented at this meeting and posted on the [budget blog](#).

President Machen is still telling us that the 10% cuts will not be across the board, so we are still unclear how much the library will be expected to cut from our current budget, however we have proposed eliminating 25 positions. The Judaica Librarian search is still active and we have amended the position details. Originally it was posted as an assistant or associate but only showing the salary of the assistant. Due to lack of interest, we are reposting it with more clear indications of the assistant & associate salaries. We now have a rare books librarian, Nancy Poehlmann has agreed to take this position starting July 1st. Courtesy of the Provost we also have a curator for Book Arts. This joint appointment with the College of Fine Arts, is a trailing spouse for a new hire. We have interviewed a few people for the Chemistry Librarian search though we have not found anyone eligible yet.

On the Faculty Senate Budget Blog Rae posted the ULC Resolution and to date there are no comments or questions. It was also suggested that sometimes comments and questions are not approved for posting in a timely fashion.

Q: Are the vendors reducing their rates? A: Judy said that she's working with the vendors to put on hold the price increases, however nothing has happened yet.

III HSCL Integration Update

The cost of integration is about \$250,000 and about \$150,000 of this is for market equity. The College of Nursing funds a librarian position, but due to their own budget cuts they are dropping down to only funding half of this position. We have also put renovations of the HSCL into our budget.

Rae updated that most medical journals are going up 6-7% and there is one basic journal is going up 16%. Content for these journals is coming from our medical centers and perhaps raising the visibility of our authors will help reduce the price increases.

Q: Do we have a sense of comparison, are other universities doing to their library what our university is doing to our library because it seems like UF is doing many more cuts than comparable institutions.

A: Everyone is planning for significant cuts at all universities however no one really knows how they will affect us at this point.

There is no change in the HSCL tenure home because they are still apart of the Health Science Center.

| Currently HSCL charges a \$5 fee for each Interlibrary Loan requested and they will pay up to \$25 for an item. Smathers does not charge an initial ILL fee and we'll pay up to \$50 per item.

For updated information please visit our [HSCL Integration Blog](#).

IV Reorganization of the ULC

Rae was contacted by the Committee on Committee regarding meeting with them tomorrow to talk about the Reorganization of the ULC. Rae passed out a rough draft of the proposal regarding these changes. In addition to the 9 faculty members it was proposed there should be 3 non-voting liaison members on the committee of which should be from the HSCL Director's Advisory Committee, UF's Library Faculty Assembly and the Law Library. In the discussion that followed it was discussed that since there were faculty members from the HSC colleges on the ULC a liaison from the HSCL's Advisory Committee was not necessary.

There was some discussion on what term should be used for the non-voting members and what they would be called. It was also stated that we currently have problems getting people to show up for the ULC meeting, however we need communication between the library and the faculty. How can we make these meetings more attractive for other faculty because there is a need for this particular committee. How do we make this committee more relevant to faculty so they'll show up? No suggestions are noted on how to make this happen, perhaps it can be revisited at upcoming meetings. It was suggested getting the agenda out to members earlier,

Some ideas for future meetings that might be relevant were discussed taking action on promoting Open Access journals and UF policies relative to them . Rae stated she is working on this for Reference at the HSCL and will send some URLs for some sites that are doing this to Lela to forward to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.