

University Library Board
February 2, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Celia Bakke, Jean-Luc Desalvo, James Kao, Judith Lessow-Hurley, Ruth Kifer, Julie Kowalewski-Ward (guest), Jane Light (guest), Cleber Ouverney, Christina Peterson, Jessica Pryde, Maureen Smith, John Wenzler (guest) and Joel West.

Transcriber: Bridget Kowalczyk

Absent: Anthony Bernier, Julia Curry, John Lee, Danelle Moon and William Cavu-Litman.

1. November 24th, 2008 minutes
 - Joel moved to approved, Jean-Luc seconded. The minutes were approved.
2. Internet Filtering – Jane Light
 - The internet filtering issue may be on the agenda for the City Council on Feb. 24 or March 17. If it is to be discussed on the 24th, it would need to be posted by Feb. 14th.
 - Ideally, ULB members Kifer and Smith, as well as President Whitmore should attend the City Council meeting when this issue is on the agenda.
3. Introduction of Associate Dean for Digital Futures – John Wenzler
 - John Wenzler comes to SJSU library from San Francisco State University. At SJSU he is overseeing the digitizing of collections and managing IT and Tech Services. Prior to his employment at SFSU, he worked at Innovative Interfaces.
4. Report from Task Force to Investigate Open Access to Faculty and Student Publications & other access related task force issues (Bakke/West)
 - It was recommended that John Wenzler be made an ex-officio member of the Task Force. The Task Force will need to agree to this addition. Pat Backer should be contacted. It was further recommended that this request be combined with an extension of the Task Force's assignment. Sigurd Meldal should be contacted to determine how long the assignment can be extended. It was stated that the Senate resolution that created the task force should be amended accordingly.
 - Heather Joseph from SPARC will return to SJSU to present on Open Access issues. It was recommended that she address a campus wide forum and also present at either the Council of Deans or the Academic Affairs Management Team. Recommendations for advertising her visit included a short (2-3 minute) video clip from one of her previous talks.
5. Discussion of three projects for subcommittees (Smith)
 - Library donations from grants or gifts to colleges
 - Tabled till next meeting.
 - Alumni and library privileges

- Tina volunteered for the Alumni subcommittee. Ruth reported that the Council of Library Deans will be discussing the issue of alumni access to databases at its February meeting.
- Library promotion of reading
 - Tabled till next meeting.

6. Library's Five Year Program Review (Kifer)

- Access Services – Julie Kowalewski-Ward
 - Julie reported on the changes in Access Services since the opening of the joint library, including making the periodicals an open collection, no longer requiring paging of materials.
 - Circulation patterns at King Library collections indicate that SJPL patrons check out less SJSU materials than do SJSU patrons. SJPL patrons tend to check out mostly SJPL materials at the King Library.
 - The Link+ service currently only processes books, though the consortium will be voting this year to determine whether the service should be extended to Media as well.
- Information Technology & Digital Projects – Wenzler & Farid
 - John reported that the Student Computing Services Center located on the lower level checks out approximately 200 laptops for use in the library. It was reported that Clark Hall also checks out laptops for use on campus.
 - The library's new website should be unveiled at the end of 2009.
 - The cross search service is a metasearch engine allowing users to search across databases. It was recommended that the Library consider hosting an Open House by discipline to alert faculty to what resources are new in their area, such as cross search. An alternative suggestion was to put "Have you tried Cross Search?" at the top of each discipline's web page. Other outreach methods included liaisons contacting faculty and suggesting they sign up for RSS feeds for new book arrivals in their discipline. Another idea was for liaisons to contact their departments and ask for time to speak at one of their faculty meetings, and offer follow-up appointments.
 - John Wenzler reported that it may be possible for Tech Services to provide ebook statistics. Maureen suggested that there are many variables to explain why only 1 or 2 pages in an ebook have been accessed, such as the need to simply retrieve a chapter or citation,.... It was recommended that a study of all the ebook platforms be undertaken to determine which are the easiest to access remotely. However, John also noted that most ebooks are available in only one or two platforms. Therefore, even if we determine a preferable platform, we probably will be unable to get all of the content we want on that platform.
 - Maureen reported that UC Davis's bookstore has done a survey of e-textbook purchasing.

7. New business

- John Lee has a conflict with the time slot for the University Library Board. He will return in Fall 2009, if possible.

8. Adjourn

Remaining Reserved meeting dates (Mondays 2-4):

Feb. 23

Mar. 2

Apr. 6

Apr. 13

Apr. 27

May 4

Handouts:

- Draft of February 2, 2009 ULB Minutes
- Agenda for February 23, 2009 ULB Meeting
- Access Services (5-Year Library Review report)
- Information Technology & Digital Projects (5-Year Library Review report)