Minutes of the Library Council Meeting  
November 17, 2008  
Meeting Room, Coe 115


Library Chair Tawnya Plumb called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the last library council meeting for the year! Attendees introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

Tour of the Coe Library Addition (Keith Seebart, Facilities Planning) The Council toured the new addition.

Building Campaign (Staci Johnson, Libraries’ Development Officer) Staci Johnson will be speaking with Council in the spring when the campaign is more fully in gear, but the quiet campaign has started and is focused on providing funding for specific areas, such as study rooms classrooms and the Chisum Special Collections. We are also looking for art work for the new building and have someone interested in funding an art endowment to continue the Libraries’ practice of buying student art.

Collection Development Strategic Plan Update (Sara Williams, Head of Collection Development, UW Libraries, handout) Sara pointed out that prices in the publishing industry will continue to increase, and that her projections take that into account. We currently have 1,500,000 items in the collection and are on track to reach our collection size goal in 2009, within the funding we currently have. Sara then explained some of her proposed strategy for addressing strengthening UW’s collections, filling in the gaps in existing collections as well as adding newly published materials. There was a question about buying paper books and when they get sent to bindery for hard back binding. The collect “mix” will be different depending on whether the legislature additional funding. As more concrete numbers become available, updates will be provided. This strategic plan figures in our draft academic plan.

Academic Planning (Maggie Farrell, Dean, UW Libraries, handout) Maggie went over highlights in the draft academic plan for the Libraries. We will be working with department heads on fine tuning the draft in January and February. One motif is an on-going analysis of faculty and staff positions to address changes in work flow and the University’s needs. Within this we will continue to outsource some of the routine work done in the Library, as appropriate. Maggie will meet with Academic Affairs to review the draft, then with department heads, and then will draft another iteration. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Maggie.

Other Topics: Tawnya encouraged people to bring up topics that they like to have on the agenda. If you have topics you’d like to have discussed, please email them to Tawnya or Maggie.

Tawnya Plumb, Library Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:35.