

Annual Report for Library Council (2008-2009)

The purpose of Library Council is to advise and assist the libraries on issues and policies related to strategic planning, organization, operations, and resource allocation. This academic term Library Council met on October 13th, November 17th, February 2nd, March 2nd, and April 6th.

2007-2008 Committee Members

Agriculture – Brenda Alexander
Arts and Sciences – Quincy Newell
Arts and Sciences – Snehalata Huzurbazar
Business – Grant Lindstrom
Educational Studies – Linda Keefauver
Engineering – Doug Smith
Health Sciences – Michelle Jarman
Law School – Tawnya Plumb (Chair)
Libraries – Lori Terrill
American Heritage Center – Anne Marie Lane
Non University – Mary Henning
Graduate Student – Chelsea Drucker
Undergraduate Student – Suzanne Bronson

Library Council is made up of members from each college on campus, the libraries, students, university administrators, and one outside member. Meetings are well attended, though student participation continues to be a challenge.

Library Council supported UW's **legislative budget request** for additional reoccurring funding for the university and law libraries. Due to a decreased budget surplus, the governor did not support this request. UW Libraries will request funds in the next legislative session to pursue its goal of membership into the **Greater Western Library Alliance (GLWA)**.

Library Council was kept abreast of the construction progress of the new **Coe Library addition and renovation** during each meeting. A fall tour and a spring tour were arranged into the new addition and members were able to see the new layout and ask questions. Conversations centered on how to best communicate the ongoing changes and transitions to students, faculty, and staff.

Library Council heard regular reports on the strategic plan for UW Libraries **collection development**. Discussions included the selection strategies of preferring electronic to print journals, handling electronic database turn-aways, negotiating with vendors, the status of the budget, and electronic content ownership. Library Council was also kept aware of major purchasing negotiations and the new titles added across disciplines.

Library Council served as a liaison between UW Libraries and departments in the biennial **journal review** process. Departments identified titles for cancellation and suggested new titles for purchase.

Library Council was asked to review and comment on the UW Libraries' **Academic Planning** action items. Issues such as **staffing**, building a **research collection**, and serving the state with **leadership** in library database development were highlighted. The University Libraries are also

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pursuing options for an off-site storage facility that would benefit other campus libraries and departments as well.

Library Council was kept informed of the **University Libraries Development Board** goals and concerns including a building campaign for the Chisolm Special Collection, endowments for staff, library art, and the status of existing endowments in the struggling economy. Promotions included the advertising of Coe's 50th Birthday and the Book and Author Luncheon.

Library Council was introduced to new library staff and presentations were given on **medical research** in Wyoming and **digital initiatives**. A digital repository will be made public in the summer of 2009 displaying searchable materials such as those from Undergraduate Research Day and the botany digitization project. Library Council was asked to consider ways in which the digital repository could be used to share scholarship and departmental projects.

Library Council was provided with an implementation schedule for the new **Millennium library system** which will be made public summer of 2009. Much work is underway to make the transition between library software systems.