

Library Council
Minutes
May 8, 2013

Attendees: Deborah Jakubs, Bob Korstad, Lisa Huettel, Len White, Peter Haff, Ann Elsner, Daniel Griffin, Bob Byrd, Tom Hadzor, Gil Merckx, Victoria Szabo, Jeff Vincent, Daniel Schmidt, Rick Hoyle; Tom Crichlow and Emily Daly, speakers; Lynne Grossman, recorder

1. Announcements/Introductions

- Deborah expressed appreciation for their service to the following members whose terms have expired, particularly our Chair Bob Korstad: Mea Warren, Bob Korstad, Daniel Griffin, Thomas Pfau, Anna Gassman-Pines, Beth Doyle, Louise Meintjes. Lisa Huettel will be the new Chair.

2. Review and Discussion of Draft Website Design: Tom Crichlow and Emily Daly

- We are now much further along on the website design and have a wireframe of the basic page layout. New drop down menus highlighting particular categories make the page more visually distinct and easier to navigate.
- It was suggested that adding headings to alphabetized columns would make it easier for users. Currently, the more important and frequently used links are at the top. The home page will still have a prompt for the Catalog search box. Another suggestion was to intertwine the research and course support features, reflecting the integration of teaching and research. However, at the bottom of the page are links to both sites. A survey will be sent to all the Council members to solicit more of their suggestions and we will be in touch over summer as we develop more mock-ups.

3. Ithaca Faculty Study: Deborah Jakubs and Bob Byrd

- Ithaca is a consulting and research service involved with libraries, scholarship and the digital future and was started by the Mellon Foundation. Through surveys and white papers related to higher education, Ithaca identifies trends in the role of the library: gateway, buyer, repository, teaching facilitator, research supporter, and undergraduate information literacy teacher. The most important area was buyer, then gateway, then undergrad information literacy teacher. Most respondents thought faculty, rather than libraries, should be responsible for helping undergraduate students develop research skills. Key findings include: the role of internet search engines in facilitating discovery of scholarly resources has continued to increase; respondents are generally satisfied with their ability to access the scholarly literature; while respondents continued to trend overall towards greater acceptance of a print to electronic transition for scholarly journals, they grew modestly less comfortable with replacing print subscriptions with electronic access; respondents' personal interests are the primary factor in selecting research topics; small but non-trivial shares of respondents use technology in their under-graduate teaching; respondents tend to value established scholarly dissemination methods.

4. Update on the Library Advisory Board Meeting: Deborah Jakubs
 - LAB members are our most generous advocates, supporters, and advisors. At this Spring's meeting, Peter Lange was not available to present his usual campus update. Therefore, Larry Moneta gave a presentation on student affairs; many of our LAB members are parents of students here. Bob Byrd did a presentation on the research commons. We had a fantasy art collecting and digital projects presentation and one on the visualization contest with its winners. At lunch, Kevin White spoke about the challenges and opportunities in inter-collegiate sports, which was very exciting. In the afternoon, we talked about Duke Forward and heard about the Archive of Documentary Arts from Kirston Johnson and Tom Rankin. On Saturday morning, Andrew Janiak talked about Bass Connections and the Library's involvement.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Grossman, recorder