Library Council Meeting
October 22, 2015


1. Introductions and Announcements

We have two special guests: Kelley Lawton, Head, East Campus Libraries and Subject Librarian for United States History and Jeff Kosokoff, Head, Collection Strategy and Development.

2. Lilly Feasibility Studies

Kelley Lawton is here to talk about Lilly, she’s working with Bob and DSK architects to talk about the feasibility of the renovation of Lilly Library. Bob passed out a report on Lilly Library from Tom Kearns and Michelle of DSK. Tom was a principal on the Perkins project for number of years. The Libraries are pleased to be working with them they’ve done a fabulous job. It’s time to replicate and adapt for East Campus what we’ve done on West Campus. We just completed a 15 year renovation with Perkins, Bostock and Rubenstein Libraries, along with von der Heyden.

It would be interesting to know what you think of Lilly library and East Campus needs.

• What comes to mind to you when you think of the library resources and facilities here or think about what experience you have with libraries. What does Lilly not have that it needs?

Perkins is comfortable. There is a café, the Link; Perkins has armchairs – there are significantly less of those in Lilly. Perkins has a warm comforting feeling - Lilly is all white,
fluorescent lights. The study rooms are a little better, but the space needs to be comfortable for studying for 4-5 hours at a time.

One thing that’s missing from Lilly is the food - the limited availability of food is kind of odd on campus. It’s not a Library problem but it’s a University problem.

There is no carrel space at Lilly for thesis writers. That could possibly be added for graduate students. The waiting list for Perkins is 2-3 years.

What would make Lilly distinct is that East Campus is where the Freshmen are housed. Whether there would be specific ways to catering to this specific demographic.

• What are there things about Lilly that you would like to see preserved or maintained?

The Thomas room. Vending machines under the stairs.

• Bob and Kelley talked to a few programs and departments that would have needs for renovated space: OIT, writing program, resource center, advising and focus. We started a discussion about not dedicated space but a range of flexible space that could be reserved and used a variety of ways. All groups expressed needs for event space on East Campus for workshops, 50-70 people groups similar to the workspace in the Edge. The academic resource center and advising center need small reservable collaborative spaces, not for short term, but long-term reservable spaces. The walk-in tutoring program has to move because they can’t reserve a room in one place every semester. OIT would like a help-desk based on the model of the Link for East Campus. The one group that we differentiated with is the writing program. We do have a dedicated space for the writing studio.

• Project principals that we derived: provide fixed and flexible shelving and space; adding a café, new entrances; bring it closer to the main quad, connect to the newer dorms.

This is a feasibility study. If the board of trustees approve the concept design we would go through a several-month period of concept design, development and eventually construction. There’s probably a year and a half of more planning before the decision is made to go forth with the construction. It should be a 2-year project from the summer of 2017 until the summer of 2019. Lilly would have to close. There would be no way to redo mechanicals without having to close. We’re hoping to open a satellite service in the meantime. Project cost in the neighborhood of 50 million dollars. To put that into perspective, the Perkins Project has been $216 million.

Right now we are trying to see what the scale of the project needs to be. Can the original building be expanded in a way that it’s compatible to the rest of the building but gives ample space to the departments who use the space and the residents. It’s a feasibility study in the sense of what scale of project do we have to do and how can it be done. If there is a
proposal with design space all will be revealed and we will have discussion with the larger population.

3. Information about Digital Research Storage faculty working group and how you can help - Tim McGeary

Last fall, we had a meeting with the Provost about storage needs for digital repository and preservation - an access for research output. Federal funding agencies have been working on a mandate for open access into federally funded research. Duke has its own internal policies about sponsored research. We wanted to make sure we could meet the demands.

The Provost’s ideas were complimentary or against what we were doing. We had a conversation about what we should be doing. The Provost asked Tim and Ed Gomes to start a working group, some sort of task force starting in October.

The task force is to present a document at the end of the semester about what the needs are for storage and potential solutions for the challenges. Tim’s role in the library in this group is to explain more about our program ideas for repositories, strategy, digital management, and to broaden discussion about what storage is. We have some use cases on this task force but we wanted to open it up and gather use cases to say these are the needs of departments for research sponsored or non-sponsored. You have needs for storing research, having access to research for 1 year, 2 years, 5 years, whatever your needs are.

Are your research supposed to be public - open to everybody or is it closed because something you can’t share? Do you need to store some things for 5 years? Tim is trying to gather as much as possible to present back to the Provost as well as things that may not be common. Their next meeting presentation is on a model solution that Purdue is taking on. Purdue has an office for sponsored research, OIT, they have a sponsored research process that is really model. They have a process for data management that the library will help them with.

4. Issues of access to the NY times for the library

Kelley drafted this information for us. The topic came up for undergrads. Tara will give us some context.

Duke Student Government voted to defunct the NY Times paper format. We were paying $22,000 for this and so we defunded it and were looking at options for online access. We were able to get a deal for unfettered access for 7000 students for $17,000. We had been reaching out to various departments. We need a final $5000 annual contribution to fund the program. We have to value this program against different programs.
Kelley Lawton met with the DSG President before the vote took place to discuss options. Thanks to Jeff for pulling figures. We do provide access to the NY Times through databases. We are acknowledging that this is different. It is same day access to the information that’s important. We’re paying for database access for many publications - the number reflects that. The DSG proposed unfettered access to undergrads. We are hesitant to do that for a small amount of the population. $80,000 is what was negotiated for unfettered access for everyone.

The role of the library is to provide access to this content. We recognize that individuals who are interested in browsing do have options with an educational discount, less expensive than many textbooks in terms of semester-long access if it’s needed for a course.

5. Development Update – Tom Hadzor

The Libraries’ Annual Fund cash total for fiscal year 2013 was $744,890.00. For FY 2014, it was $901,607.00. For FY 2015, it was $927,591.00. The Libraries’ cash total for fiscal year 2013 was $7,949,933.00. For FY 2014, it was $8,257,956.00. For FY 2015, it was $8,514,188.00. As you can see the numbers are increasing.

Duke Forward’s Library goals were $30.4, $40.1 and $52.9 million respectively for FY 2013, 2014 and 2015.

From the chart below, you can see that we have consistently surpassed our goals and we have already reached our goal for FY 2015.

Our donor totals for FY 2013 are $2,200,000. For FY 2014, $2,397,000.00, and for FY 2015, $2,324,000.00.