Library Council
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Minutes

1. Announcements/Introductions

2. Duke Chronicle Digitization: Henry Cuthbert and Val Gillispie
The Chronicle has been Duke's student newspaper since 1905. It is frequently used by students and other researchers looking for information. Both the Libraries and the Chronicle have been interested in digitizing back issues. After an analysis of the copyright status of the publication, it was determined that between 1905 and March 1, 1989, the Chronicle is in the public domain. The Duke Student Publishing Company, which is an independent organization formed in 1993 and publishes the Chronicle, believes they should control copyright over all issues back to 1905. After consulting with Henry Cuthbert of University Counsel, the Library intends to digitize the public domain issues for the use of the Duke community.

3. DKU Update: Bob Byrd
Bob Byrd reported on developments regarding the Duke Kunshan University Library. Council members asked questions and offered advice regarding the matters discussed. Topics covered included staffing, collections, access to e-resources, and costs. Byrd reported that the DKU Library Director position was offered to one of the candidates, but it was declined and the search is being reopened. Linda Daniel, head of the Social Sciences Section of DUL's Research and Instructional Services Department, will serve as Interim Director this fall, for the semester. The senior library assistant position at DKU has been filled. DUL subject librarians have already begun contacting faculty who will teach at DKU to learn about their courses and identify print titles to be acquired for the DKU Library collection. DKU faculty and students will have Duke NetIDS and will have access to DUL's electronic resources to the extent allowed by our licenses. The DKU Library will have its own acquisitions budget, and a service agreement between DKU and Duke will reimburse Duke for DKU's use of DUL staff and collections.

4. Research Commons Branding/Logo Exercise: Jean Ferguson and Bob Byrd
There were main entry changes into Bostock this past week. The first floor has been completely cleared out to begin construction. We held a workshop in April with a branding consultant, to look at the concepts of Research Commons. On the first round of branding terms and concepts, the committee disagreed with the consultant's suggestions. We are seeking something that identifies the space and the reason for the space, like the Link. That's how it's known, as the Link. We don't want the Commons because it would be confused with the Faculty Commons. Research Commons is too staid and traditional, though.

5. Seminar on the Research Library – Discussion Continued: Liz Milewicz
Liz Milewicz (Head, Digital Scholarship Services department, Duke University Libraries) revisited the discussion from the last Library Council meeting, in which she presented a summary of the Libraries' Seminar on the Future of the Research Library and requested reactions and thoughts from the Council members on the challenges and aspirations that Libraries' personnel have defined through this process. She also reiterated the purpose of talking about the Seminar with the Library Council: to engage them early around pain points and tensions we are

seeing in how we can pursue and realize future roles and work, as a way of taking researchers' challenges into consideration and better aligning and addressing our common needs and goals.

Liz introduced the present discussion by reviewing very briefly the purpose, format, and initial outcomes of the seminar, and by posing to the group some of the challenges and possibilities that the Libraries face. For instance, should the research library purchase fewer "commodity" publications (those that could be acquired through Amazon, for instance, even though the price might dissuade individuals to purchase these on their own) in favor of purchasing and providing researchers' access to unique, rare materials? Should librarians provide higher level research services (co-teach courses, co-lead projects, serve as consultants on same or by appointment) in exchange for having part-time staff and students handle desk reference and low-level reference questions?

Liz then presented a thought exercise to the group as a way to elicit thinking about the Libraries' evolving connection to their research: Think back over the past 10 years on changes in library service: what has changed in libraries that you have found has made a positive difference in your work?

Following are some of the Council members' responses:

- incredibly impressed with open-mindedness of library staff; try things and experiment—kudos!
- library caters to different generations automatically; have offered older and middle generation people workshops that help them catch up
- libraries have transformed dramatically over 12 years at Duke, more than any other unit on campus
    - Library is far more packed with students than first came
    - full of people collaborating, all hours
    - still maintaining momentum -- continue it! keep it open, public, collaborative space
- Libraries have absorbed broad university capacity (quiet study space that used to happen in dorms, places to eat food that's edible rather than dining halls, now creating space that's dedicated to research)
    - one by one the basic functions of the residential college are getting pulled in targeted ways into the Library space
    - library is the place where we talk about universal access to information
    - if you're looking for a list of things the library is to become, it's the microcosm of the university
- library serves a coordinating, liaising function for things happening on campus that are not coordinated and sometimes repetitive
    - strength of the libraries and staff is that they are interested in all this work and help to coordinate it
    - there's a lot of interesting digital technologies in the libraries because the libraries have adopted and pulled these together
    - incorporate these into principles of library growth

- over time have lost the individual libraries, the communities that were around those libraries
    - has worried that our experiences of the libraries are different and not well tailored to our individual need -- the experience of community that brings like-minded thinkers together
    - just like you have temporary exhibits around certain topics, would be nice to have pop-up libraries around topics for small periods of time
- physical interaction with library has almost completely stopped (social sciences) -- buys books on Amazon, usually gets articles
    - discovery of browsing, unexpectedness important