

**University Libraries Committee
Minutes
October 25, 2010**

Members Present: Reggie Frye, Judy Russell, Isabel Silver, Brenda Smith, Vern Kisling, Tiffany Smith, Mario Poceski

Members Absent: Terry Harpold, Guenther Hochhaus, Leda Kobizar, David Leavitt, Mary Thigpen, Kevin Ecdes, Stacy Galloway

I Minutes Approval - Brenda

August 2010 minutes will be approved at the November Meeting

II Open Access - Isabel

Isabel passed out an Open Access Report and brochure.

Open access is open access to scholarly literature that is free, unrestricted and online. It is free of charge to readers and has unrestricted copyright and licensing restrictions. The following web site gives an overview of what open access is <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/oa/>. There is a pool of money to support open access. Isabel started working on open access in March. An open access task force meets once a month and are currently working on finding a Scholarly Communications Librarian. There is a link on the library web site with a guide. <http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/content.php?pid=109174&sid=821685>. There is a lot of information regarding open access on this web site.

There was a survey of UF authors publishing in Bio Med Central and closed journals. They ended up with a listed of about 90 authors. There was not a whole lot of participation, but from the feedback the survey showed that everyone liked it. On July 1st a supporter's subscription to Bio Med Central was started and UF authors will automatically get a 15% discount.

Question: Is open access provided online and is there a fee?

Answer: It is free to readers. A fee is charged to the author when an article is submitted. Grant money will cover this fee in open access. The person applying for the grant needs to include it. Open access is growing in the health science field. The other fields are starting to talk about it. Humanities have an open peer review.

Usually, articles and journals are approved, but recently a book (e-book) has been. Monograph or eBook go under the same process as a journal. There is peer review and open access.

NIH had a policy for many years that funded research had to be publicly available within 6-12 months of publication. Now there is a law pending in congress that would require 11 other agencies that fund \$100 million or more a year each in research to implement a similar policy. If and when this happens you will see more pressure to use open access on campus since there is a lot of funding for research coming from the federal government. Open access will start to be looked at as a necessity instead of funding.

Studies done in scientific literature has suggested that after six months there was no economic impact on the scientific publishers. They showed there was no economic harm being done making open access a preferred access.

Question: How will this affect tenure promotion packages?

Answer: Even though some journals are more prestigious than others, it is up to the faculty member to look at it and consider their tenure promotion package. Some faculty members are happy to publish on open access. More and more journals are added to open access every day.

The program just started this summer, but the publicity started around this fall. So far there are nine applications for about \$10,000. 37 UF authors of faculty and grad students have received funding. They have been excited about it and letting their colleges know about it. The average pro-rated for UF authors is about \$270. Planning to evaluate the program in about 18 months.

Question: Is there a financial advantage to the UF library if more people are in open access?

Answer: Not in the short term. If the law passes then the demand might increase.

Open Access Week – This is an international movement in its 4th year and UF's 2nd year. Isabel and the open access committee have been spending a lot of time educating the in house staff. Guides and materials have been created for them to use as tools to educate others. Isabel has a report on this. The first year David Guzick previously had written articles about open access and agreed to speak. Mark McLellan, Dean of Research from IFAS, did a very moving presentation on open access this year.

Having someone from another university talking positively about open access might help with getting more people involved with it. The goal is to get the word out and have people talk about it. Links have been put on the libserver and library liaisons have been talking to various groups about it. Barbara Hood has helped with promoting open access. Isabel and the library liaisons would be happy to talk to anyone and their group about open access. Dean Russell and Mary Thigpen gave a very effective presentation at the Faculty Senate meeting last Thursday.

Brenda was at an Infrastructure Council meeting the morning after the Faculty Senate meeting and there was some talk about open access. The three levels of faculty status (pursuing tenure, recently received tenure and has had tenure) at the tables were nervous about moving too quickly with open access. Dean Russell and Isabel Silver asked if a representative from the library at the next meeting of the Infrastructure Council would be helpful in alleviating

confusion and addressing faculty concerns. Brenda Smith said that she would ask the Chair of the council, if that would be desirable and appropriate.

When the Scholarly Communications Librarian is hired, then he/she will be talking to the faculty about an option to decline some provisions in the copyright regarding open access. A lot of publishers have their own preferred language. With journals the author might be able to talk them into changing their copyright language, but monographs are a little more difficult. You can change the copyright in the beginning.

Question: Is it possible to have a 5 years copyright and then the author might be able to buy back their book rights?

Answer: This is something that we would think about if we were looking ahead. Right now we are focusing on the beginning. Once we have a Scholarly Communication Librarian, then we can move forward. Right now we need to think about the timing and wording when we create policies for open access.

Three recipients of the open access spoke at the open access week and one of them gave a compelling story. His research had a significant impact in the development area. He was able to get his research information out to the institutions in other countries that really needed the information faster than publishing his work in a commercial journal. These countries cannot afford commercial journals and the commercial journals take a little longer to get published.

Question: When it comes to tenure packets, there is a mandate that a certain number of publications have to be in certain impact level journals. Can open access accommodate that?

Answer: It depends on the field. POLS and Bio Med Central have a high impact factor. There are more open access journals that have a higher impact than some of the prestigious printed journals. Open access is better for scholarly research than it is for creative works.

III Dean's Updates/Future Agenda - Judy Russell

Cathy Price who was the director of the Legal Information Center at the College of Law retired June 30th. Claire Germain, who is the law librarian at Cornell, has accepted that position and will be here for a week in January. Due to her teaching commitments her start date is in August.

Newell Hall – President Machen proposed to renovate Newell Hall. It is the 3rd oldest building on campus built in 1910. It was to be renovated for a student learning common that the library would be in charge of and would be open for 24 hours for the students to study at. No printed material would be there, but there would be electronic and places to study. Stimulus funds were supposed to pay for the renovation, but the funds ended up going to something else. The library is working with foundation to look for a donor who would help with the renovation.

Libraries - There have been small renovations to the current libraries. In the Smathers library, the long hallway is being looked at as an additional place for chairs and desks. The restrooms were renovated. The lobby was fixed up to look more attractive.

Health Science Center Library - Working on a plan to help make the space look more appealing.

Let Judy know if there are any issues or suggestions regarding the libraries for example poor lighting in an area. The library is gearing up for hiring to help fill positions from people who retired or just have not been filled yet.

High Density Storage Facility (HDF) - Still working on projects for the HDF. It will be located on the corner of Waldo Rd and 39th across from the airport next to the current Auxiliary Library Facility (ALF). 1-2 million publications are stored there. UF will operate the HDF that will hold around 5 million publications. UF will put in the first million items. Other school libraries around Florida will be contributing to the items being stored. The books and materials will be put into trays and then put on high shelves. The facility will have no duplicate materials. The publications will be considered the single copies for the State of Florida. \$2 million from the Pico fund will go towards the planning of the facility. The building should be completed sometime next year. The facility will be 50 degrees and 30% humidity. People will not work in this facility, but will be working in the warehouse next door. Reading rooms will also be available next door. Inside the building the shelving is two trays deep with two trays on each side and 30 ft tall. The idea is to maximize the book space and minimize the walkway.

Question: What is the square footage of the HDF?

Answer: Do not know.

Question: Is the delivery system one where you would type a code in and the tray would be brought to you by a robotically retrieving system?

Answer: No, there was not a justification for that type of system. Our model is the Harvard model.

It is being built with state funding. The city has asked if the building could not look too much like a warehouse. So the loading dock will be in the back of the building. Judy can send a link to anyone who wants to see what it is going to look like. The library is working on getting the books bar coded and trayed before the facility opens. There is an estimated 7-10 year growth, but after talking to other HDF they found that there facilities filled faster.

IV Additional Topics

Student Interest - Students are interested in the idea of open access. Provost Glover has put money aside for textbooks going into open access. The first textbook to go into it is being written from the math department. Textbooks are starting to move in this direction. In addition, some professors are compiling readings from a number of open access sources and using them instead of a textbook. For the classes the students are starting to get a choice as to what they want, online books or text books.

The University Press is using Orange Grove as an open access. If someone wants a hard copy then they will do print on demand.

Question: Are the students interested in additional hours in the libraries?

Answer: More around exam time, but the grad students might want more hours.

Judy stated that the atmosphere of the libraries have changed and are not as quite as they use to be. It is also becoming a social place for students to meet, have group study sessions or to discuss issues.

V Wrap-up/Future Agenda Topics

Look at other possible times and dates for the group to meet in the spring.