

Council on Libraries and Information Technology  
November 17, 2008

Minutes

Present: Joseph Branin, Karen Bruns, Laura Christobeck, Anne Fields, Fritz Graf, Kathleen Starkoff, Les Tannenbaum, Kathleen Wallace

Absent: Roy Joshua, Ashok Krishnamurthy, David Zavra

Vacant: InterProfessional Council Representative

Guests: Doug Dangler, Joanne Dehoney, Bob Kalal, Dickie Selfe

1. Introductions

Les Tannenbaum introduced Kathleen Starkoff, the university's new Chief Information Officer and an ex-officio council member and the council members present welcomed her. She briefly discussed her recent on-boarding experience, thoughts on a strategic plan and developing an appropriate balance of distributed and centralized resources, the importance of clear communications, and her commitment to a collective dialogue within the university IT community. In the context of her remarks Joe Branin noted the need to develop an easily accessible information map of university information resources. Les Tannenbaum noted that apropos to the next agenda item, there was a need to develop a means of networking and an information base on resources across disciplines on campus. Council members discussed barriers to the use of third-party services and ways to incent university community members to contribute to an information base.

2. Digital Media in a Social World Conference

Doug Dangler and Dickie Selfe presented information on the Center for the Study of Teaching and Writing (CTSW)'s upcoming *Digital Media in a Social World* Conference. They asked for suggestions and assistance in identifying presentations and building collaborations. The council members present were enthusiastic and supportive. Les Tannenbaum suggested student panels and "Reports from the Field" by successful practitioners across campus. In addition, Joanne Dehoney suggested a collaboration with the university's Academy of Teaching and their *Excellence in Teaching* conference. Joe Branin will make a proposal to the Libraries for support and Laura Chrisobeck will connect with the Undergraduate Student Government.

3. Report on Library Budget and Follow-up Discussion

Joe Branin gave an overview of the University Libraries budget and process. He explained that the overall budget was approximately \$30 million, with \$10 million

allocated to acquisitions and \$20 million allocated to operating expenses. He noted that the budget has been in good shape for the past four or five years. The budget situation during this period has been helped as the Libraries did not pay the university's usual Plant, Operation, and Maintenance (POM) charges on its space in the Thompson Library during renovation. However as the Libraries begin to assume responsibility for the renovated facility in May, POM charges of almost \$15/assignable square foot will resume along with new energy surcharges. For continued fiscal health, the Libraries will need council and senate support to propose and develop new ways to calculate and fund POM expenses.

#### 4. (Agenda 5) Setting up COLIT Agenda of Activities for 2008-09

The council moved to the final item on the agenda before taking up the selection of a Vice Chair. Les Tannenbaum asked the group for suggestions and topics for the council during the coming year. Suggestions included Joe Branin suggested tenure and promotion issues with open source and new scholarly publishing directions and also noted that the library would plan continued post-renovation fundraising activities. Dickie Selfe noted that he and Louie Ulman were examining starting a digital press. Fritz Graf suggested a discussion of research concerns, both staffing support and materials, while Anne Fields mentioned supplementing support with materials from OhioLINK.

#### 5. (Agenda 4) Selection of COLIT Vice Chair

Les Tannenbaum briefly discussed the need for a council Vice-Chair position and asked for council members' support. Joe Branin moved that the council select a Vice-Chair and Anne Fields seconded the motion. Council members present voted unanimously to approve the motion. Les then asked for candidates and nominations. Anne Fields responded that she would serve if elected. Karen bruns nominated Anne and Laura Christobeck seconded the nomination. Council members present then voted unanimously to elect Anne as Vice Chair.

#### Adjournment

Les asked for a motion to adjourn. Karen Bruns so moved, Laura Chrisobeck seconded the motion, and the council members present voted unanimously to adjourn.