

## **University Libraries Committee Minutes**

Friday, December 6, 2024

Present: Bruce Ayati-Chair, Anthony Panos, Jose Fernandez, Becky Wilson, Luis Munoz, Briana Horwath, Robert Wallace - emeritus faculty council

Absent: Nick Yablon, Chelsea Burks-Betts

Staff: John Culshaw, Jack B. King, University Librarian; Jade E. Davis, Associate University Librarian for Teaching, Learning and Research; Karen Shemanski, Senior HR Director; Mahrya Burnett, Scholarly Communications Librarian

1. Culshaw shared updates.
  - a. Regarding the Together Hawkeyes campaign, the Libraires is only \$9M from its goal; this includes gifts in kinds as well as cash gifts. Priorities continue to be investment in our staff.
  - b. We have interviewed for our new associate university librarian for distinctive collections and hope to have someone on board in early spring.
  - c. We have restructured our leadership framework and have begun transition this month.
2. Burnett shared an overview of scholarly communication activities and how we support open educational resources.

## **University Libraries Committee Minutes**

Friday, October 25, 2024

Present: Bruce Ayati-Chair, Anthony Panos, Jose Fernandez, Becky Wilson, Chelsea Burk-Betts, Luis Munoz, Briana Horwath, Shuhui Lin – staff council committee on committees, Diane Huber-emeritus faculty council

Absent: Nick Yablon

Staff: John Culshaw, Jack B. King, University Librarian; Jade E. Davis, Associate University Librarian for Teaching, Learning and Research

1. Culshaw shared the provost main library study report which looks at the future of the Main Library for the next 5-15 years. The vision is to create a triangle of student academic success with the main library as the academic success hub, the IMU as social hub, and the UCC as a transactional hub. To achieve this goal the libraries over time will need to partner with other student success programming already happening on campus. Short term recommendation planning is underway. A long-term recommendation is to establish a main library planning group.
2. Culshaw touched on inflation and big deals and strategizing future inflationary costs. Vendors and publishers make the decisions on what to charge libraries for their resources. FY2025 estimated cost of inflation for licensed resources is about \$422,000 or a \$50K increase over the inflation rate we were estimating. Some publishers are moving to usage-based pricing for databases and for some journals. The past flat-institutional cost is being switched so that pricing can be adjusted more dynamically. For example, BIOSYS database cost based on usage, priced 389% increase from one year to another. Some journals are moving to tier based pricing or other methods. This means large research institutions start to shoulder more of the cost than those with less research output. Publishers and vendors are not going to be lowering costs and is a problem for libraries and institutions during flat budget years.

## University Libraries Committee Minutes

Friday, September 20, 2024

Present: Bruce Ayati-Chair, Anthony Panos, Jose Fernandez, Luis Munoz, Diane Huber- emeritus faculty council representative

Absent: Chelsea Burk-Betts, Becky Wilson, Briana Horwath, Nick Yablon

Staff: John Culshaw, Jack B. King, University Librarian; Karen Shemanski, Senior HR Director; Jade E. Davis, Associate University Librarian for Teaching, Learning and Research

1. After introductions, the committee reviewed their charge, role, and location of meeting minutes. A quick review about possible issues or topics that could be discussed at future meetings include: collections overview and challenges with inflation and long-term sustainability of building a library collection; open access, copyright, and open educational resources; library as place - space and usage; staff investment; and instruction.
2. Updates from the University Librarian
  - a. Culshaw shared that the libraries has a new initiative to establish organizational wide change management that will address programs and projects that need to happen in the next 6-12 months. The first phase of the initiative is to address recommendations from the OneIT report including hiring a new library IT director. When the final report of the provost-commissioned study of the future direction of the library is received, discussions will need to take place regarding the long-term future of the building. Advertising for a new associate university librarian for distinctive collections is also underway.
  - b. Inflation for library materials continues so that the libraries is looking at preparing for possible budget cuts in FY2026. Conversations will involve reviewing big deal packages, relationships with BTAA, reliance on collective collections, and reviewing journal subscriptions.
  - c. Responding to questions on how the committee can assist with any of these projects, Culshaw noted the valuable input that he receives from the group as a sounding board to work through issues. As issues arise, such as the materials budget, they will be brought forward to the group.