

Faculty Senate Library Committee
Minutes of February 14, 2014 Meeting

Present: Inigo San Gil, Paula Corbin-Swalin, Jennifer Laws, Richard Campbell, Suzanne Schadl, Michelle Rigual, Jack Trujillo, Dick Carr, Don Zancanella (Chair)

Interim Dean of the Libraries, Michael Kelly reported on Library issues and priorities. Highlights included the following:

- Last October was the 75th Anniversary of the Library. A number of activities were held in celebration.
- A budget summary was provided. The total budget of the University Libraries is 15.8 million dollars. 14 million comes from ING and 1.8 million from research overhead, Extended University, student fees, and other sources. Total spending includes 7.8 million in salaries and wages, 6.2 million in acquisition costs, and 1.8 million in others costs such as copy machine rental, travel, supplies, etc. The Library is the largest employer of students on campus.
- The Library is the only academic unit that goes to the Student Fee Review Board for funding. This produces uncertainty, as students on the board change from year-to-year. There is currently an effort to move the Library away from reliance on the Student Fee Review Board.
- Regarding requests for increased (usually nighttime) hours, Library administration and staff are open to changes but typically very small numbers of students have used the Library when it's been open from 2:00-6:00 a.m. There are also significant costs associated with energy use.
- Extended University may be phasing out the \$200,000 per year they have contributed to the Library budget in the past.
- Designated research funding from grants is currently not going to the Library at the rate it's supposed to. A request has been made to OVPR to increase the 1% from research overhead they have provided for journals to 2.5% (up to \$250,000). This change would be phased in over three years.
- The Library endowment is currently 1.4 million dollars.
- The new online cataloging system was paid for with bond money.
- At many universities, library funding is tied to credit hours. At UNM, it is tied to student numbers.
- In May, work will begin on new Learning Commons. Bathrooms will be remodeled and a new service point for questions, reference, and checkouts will be created.
- Regarding LoboVault, it now contains all theses and dissertations, as well as annual reports, institutional reports, minutes of meeting of the Regents, etc. However, in some instances, negotiating copyright remains problematic.
- The Library has begun hosting open access journals published by various groups (New Mexico Historical Review, for example).

After Dean Kelly's report, members of the committee discussed actions that might be taken based on the report. These included:

Writing a statement in support of increased funding from research overhead for research journals.

Encouraging faculty to support green copying practices. The Library loses \$100,000 a year on copies.

The next meeting of the Library Committee is Friday, March 14, 9-10 a.m. in the Roberts Room of Scholes Hall.