

UIC Library Steering Committee
August 25, 2004
Minutes

Present: Doug Bicknese, Alex Bloss, Mary Case, Bob Daugherty, Jo Dorsch (by phone), Emily Guss, Julie Hurd (recorder), Susan Jacobson, Nancy John, Gretchen Lagana, Jay Lambrecht (convener), Fifi Logan, Bob Malinowsky, Linda Naru, Victoria Pifalo (by phone), Ellen Schellhause (by phone), Carol Scherrer, John Shuler

The minutes of the August 4 meeting recorded by JD were approved with corrections; they will be forwarded to ULIB for publication.

New Steering Committee member Doug Bicknese was welcomed.

1. **Rotating Quad/Committee/Task Force Assignments.** New members can bring new perspectives to groups and will sometimes be needed as staffing changes. TV2010 may also dictate adjustments in charges and participation. Several strategies were suggested such as limiting service by any one individual and systematic replacement of members after a set term. The contributions of key individuals to certain groups were acknowledged. (The revised list of committees is available on the Library web site.)
2. **Recovering Space for Oases, Classrooms, Conference Room.** Shrinking space in Daley and LHS presents a challenge; suggestions for adapting space are welcome. Everyone was encouraged to think creatively about space, especially those “unusable” areas and send suggestions to MC through Jessica Canlas. E.g., the area under the escalator will become an oasis, an initiative supported by special university funding. MC reported that she hopes to establish a cycle of refurbishing and special cleaning to create a more welcoming environment in our facilities.
3. **Provost’s Leadership Retreat.** The Library was well-represented at the meeting which began with the 2010 report, followed by break-out groups and reporting back. The outcomes of discussions will be available on a web site soon with the Chancellor’s mission statement. Some of the topics discussed included improving the service climate on campus, maintenance of facilities, revisiting the Campus Master Plan, and relations with external communities.
4. **“What’s New at the University Library?”** Send suggestion for articles to LN.

5. University Librarian Update.

The Library is close to resolution on issues related to the 37.5 hour work week in the new union contract. There will be flexibility needed to support education initiatives and other appropriate purposes. Final language is expected soon.

There is a short window for hiring clerical staff. It was noted that positions filled may be subject to “bumping” in the next round, expected in September.

The library will support ALA’s voter registration campaign through provision of materials for prospective voters.

Banned Books Week events similar to last year are planned.

This meeting may relocate to Chicago Circle Center to accommodate the larger size.

Equipment needs, both repair and replacement, will be part of the new budget.

Both Residents and Professional Library Associates will be included in staff development activities planned for the coming year.

Library-related issues sometimes arise on the ACADEMY listserve. These present an opportunity to publicize our collections and services.

Invitations are in the mail for an event on September 10 celebrating the Holtzman collection of American Indian literature. There will be activities at CCC and Hull House.

6. PDQ Update. A written summary was distributed.

7. Other Announcements.

The digitization lab construction is proceeding slowly. The furniture has arrived and is being stored until the facility is ready.

Negotiations are in process to license the electronic historical backfile for the Chicago Tribune.

Daley Library is in the midst of a backbone upgrade that will provide faster Internet connections to the desktop. Expect some interrupted service while this is in process.

Future Meeting Dates:

(9:00 – 10:45, 1-360 Daley, or CCC; 312 413-2001 for phone connection)

September 15, October 6, 27, November 17, December 8