

Steering Committee
Minutes - February 16, 2005

Attending: M. Berta, A. Bloss, M. Case, R. Daugherty, J. Dorsch (phone), E. Guss, A. Ford, S. Jacobson, W. Jones, J. Lambrecht (Chair), H. Malinowksy, V. Pifalo (phone, recorder) C. Scherrer, E. Schellhause, J. Shuler, E. Starkman, A. Weller

1. Approval of minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2005 - approved as written.
2. As an addition to the agenda, Case made the following report.

Update on the three searches

Offers have been made on two positions (Cataloging, Maps).

A decision was made not to fill the Manager of Systems position at this time.

The speaker for the Nakata Lecture will be Provost Tanner. The topic is scholarly publishing. The Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 from 3pm-6pm.

3. A reminder was given to use the listserv, lib-steering, when directing email for the Steering Committee.

4. Reorganization

Members of the committee received background information about technical services prior to the meeting from two groups, PDQ and an ad hoc group. Daugherty and Shuler provided brief remarks to lead off the discussion. Points raised during the discussion included:

Technical services functions are spread throughout the library

Balance between standardization (control) and decentralization (efficiency)

Users are indifferent to our organization structure

Technology has altered relationships

Budgetary and cultural obstacles to an AUL model

The structure between department heads and Steering should address coordination, training, and planning for the future

Balance between department head and staff involvement

Need for concise charges for new groups and accountability for chairs

Need to restore sense of empowerment

No decision was reached. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

5. Institutional Repository

Members of the committee received a recommendation for the Institutional Repository Task Force prior to the meeting. Weller reviewed the document and its

recommendations which are intended to lay the groundwork for a university-wide initiative. Components of the plan include:

- Allocation of staff
- Pilot projects at library and university levels
- Development of standards
- Establishment of oversight committee at campus level
- Funding for server
- Library roles

After discussion, the recommendations were approved and the task force was advised to report back to Steering, if obstacles arise. It was also agreed that Daniel Enoch should be invited to task force meetings. Starkman and Weller will coordinate on Systems issues.

6. Future of the Arcade(s)

Starkman led this discussion which was brought on by the need for significant funds for the Arcade. Handouts were distributed which highlighted the history of the Arcade concept since 1991 and summarized the use made of it recently. It was noted that the number of visitors is not big, attributed to alternative services elsewhere on campus now. It was stressed that the current value of the Arcade is in providing a centralized resource for equipment for library staff and as an additional resource for digitization projects. It was noted that the Arcade at LHS is tied into the future development of Room 109. The discussion appeared to end with a consensus that the mission of the Arcades and its existence as a distinct place with designated staff should be revisited. The potential for integrating it and blending it into other operations was noted.