

## Library Educational Technology Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Library Classroom

### Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Mark Dahl, Peter Drake, Jennifer Hubbert, Kelly Wainwright, Freddy Vilches, and Maureen Healy.

#### Agenda

1. Discussion of Watzek Report "Watzek Library, A Decade in Review 2001-2010 With Some Ideas for the Future" prepared by Mark and library staff. Dean Hunter has asked the committee to prepare a document about the library's strengths, challenges, and potential future goals, and this report was intended as a first step in the process of preparing this report.
  - a. Mark had wanted to include broader view of trends in academic especially liberal arts college libraries, but decided to focus on the specifics of Watzek with some mention of broader trends.
  - b. Librarians drafted the individual sections with input from library staff.
  - c. Jennifer was struck by the decrease in reference inquiries in the past decade. Mark offered a potential explanation for this: technology has made it easier to find basic resources in the last ten years. The library has seen an increase in use of its research consultation service, however, reflecting continuing need for assistance when students engage in a complex research topic.
  - d. Freddy asked about online statistics. Mark said that while we have statistics for individual online products, we don't have aggregate numbers for the overall use of electronic resources in the library. The library has some projects in place that should get those types of statistics soon.
  - e. In the Library's budget "Periodicals" are subscriptions both hard copy and electronic; "online services" are aggregated packages of resources such as JSTOR or LexisNexis.
  - f. Maureen asked about redundancy in periodicals from online services. Mark explained that this is unavoidable in some instances and said that there are tools used to monitor this.

#### Next Steps?

- Mark expressed the desire to add a faculty voice, perhaps with a cover memo and endorsement, including information about where faculty want to see the library go.
- Maureen inquired about increasing ILL activity to address cancelled periodical subscriptions. Mark agreed that it will need to be considered.
- Peter asked for more information about copyright and suggested a copyright workshop for faculty.
- Peter also asked about movement toward e books. Mark said that consumer sales are taking off and suggested that in the academic world, e book adoption would likely follow the pattern of journals over the last decade with e books catching on in some disciplines faster than others.
- Jennifer will review the faculty survey about the library from 2006 and see if there is anything from the survey that should be highlighted in the report.

- Mark did mention that there are some specific issues that could merit consideration by the faculty, for example stacks space in collections, information literacy, the connection of Special Collections to academic programs, etc.
- Peter suggested that the committee could add a cover letter that addresses some of these specific issues.

2. Next meeting: Mark will ask Amber Lange to send out a Doodle poll to determine the February meeting time.