Library Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2010
10:00 a.m.
2\textsuperscript{nd} floor conference room (217)
Robert S. Swanson Learning Center
Minutes

Attending: Steve Deckelman, Barbara Flom, Jim Keyes, Paul Lokken, Robert Schuler, Stephan Shumate, Paul Roberts

The agenda was approved as e-mailed.

The minutes of February 24 Meeting had previously been approved by e-mail after the last meeting. The minutes of this meeting will also be approved by e-mail to allow timely posting and distribution.

Brian Fitch has resigned from the committee and Ray Hayes has appointed Lopa Basu in his place. Lopa was appointed too late to be able to attend this meeting.

Paul Roberts gave a brief state of the Library report. The main points were:

- **Staffing:** Brenda Swannack has retired. The search for her successor is underway.
- **Facility:**
  - A needed upgrade of the Library Computer Wiring Closet is underway. The Library computer network is no longer adequate. The number of wireless nodes is too low, especially in light of the trend for students to register multiple devices on the Stout network.
  - Plans are underway for:
    - A new Change machine in Lobby
    - New chairs (rolling) on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} floors
    - Possibly new tables for the 4\textsuperscript{th} floor
    - More soft furniture.
- **Collections at the University Library continue to grow:**
  - 235 Databases or database systems
  - 234,344 books
  - 1,292,457 microforms
  - 14,533 AV materials
  - 671,793 full text e-documents (volumes)
  - 203,054 e-books (volumes)
  - 101,687 subscriptions (serials, periodicals, and full text) this includes 891 print subscriptions. Please note the ongoing changeover to electronic materials.

The UW Libraries Research Scholars Project is finally out of the pilot stage and is now may be implemented. In brief, this is a program that will allow six to eight researchers from each of the comprehensive campuses to have full access to all electronic resources at the UW-Madison
Libraries. A selection committee has been formed that includes members from this Advisory Committee, (Bowman, Keyes, Schuler, and Shumate), Paul Roberts (chair), Sue Foxwell, and Jana Reeg-Steidinger. The Research Fellows Committee meets tomorrow (Wednesday, October 13th, 2010).

Paul Roberts gave a report on the latest CUWL (Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries) initiative. CUWL is working to create or acquire a new Discovery Tool for UW Library resources. Research shows that students prefer a Google type single search discovery tool. Libraries risk losing their patrons if they do not reset their search interfaces. All the research shows students losing interest and not using the traditional native interfaces. The Library Directors of CUWL are moving forward with a search for a Discovery Tool. At the CUWL meeting on the 27th and 28th of September the organization agreed on a vision statement and to proceed with a request from Common Systems Group for money. The group is also preparing an RFP to acquire the software.

Current challenges facing the Library include:

- Shift from print to electronic is accelerating as can be seen from statistics reported earlier. This is a major change and will affect how libraries in general will provide service to patrons in the future.
- The University has formed an Ad Hoc Library Space Use Committee. This is to plan for the need for different space use within the building over the next ten to twenty years. Paul Roberts asked for a member of the Library Advisory Committee to serve on this ad hoc committee. After brief discussion the Advisory Committee stated that it preferred to have proposed building use brought to the committee for review and suggestions. Paul Roberts agreed that was a good idea and will do so when the Ad Hoc Library Space Use Committee has something to present.

The next meeting of this committee will occur during the spring 2011 semester. The time and date will be set after everyone’s spring schedule is known.

Other items of business were:

- The Minutes of this meeting will be approved by e-mail vote so that they may be posted and reported in a timely manner.
- Paul Roberts closed the meeting by reporting on the Faxon bankruptcy final settlement. Faxon was the Library vendor for periodicals that went under when its parent company, Rowe, failed. The UW-Stout Library had a loss claim of $95,578 and had previously recovered $21,319.92. The UW-Stout University Library will be receiving a final payment of $28,605.78 from the bankruptcy settlement.

There being no other item of business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Roberts