Library Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 24, 2010
9:00 a.m.
2nd floor conference room (217)
Robert S. Swanson Learning Center

Present: Jim Keyes, Mike Bowman, Robert Schuler, Stephen Shumate, Steve Deckelman, Paul Roberts:

Excused: Brian Fitch, Barbara Flom, Paul Lokken

Guest: Bill Johnston

- Paul Roberts welcomed the committee to the first meeting of the year.

- Stephen Shumate had requested that discussion of copyright be added to the agenda. With the approval of the committee this issue was brought to the top of the agenda. The rest of the agenda was approved as e-mailed.

- A question about DVD/Video streaming was raised by a member of Stephen Shumate’s department. Since the question involved copyright; Bill Johnston was asked to attend the meeting in his capacity of Campus Copyright Officer. The faculty question was whether it was permissible to stream library owned video using password protected D2L. The gist of the discussion that ensued is that publishers are increasingly placing restrictions on digital access to copyrighted works. Even though the Library owns the video/DVD if the publisher places a restriction on the package then digital streaming is prohibited. In this case contract law trumps fair use. The faculty member asked for guidance on this matter and Bill Johnston did discuss the matter with the faculty member. It is important to remember that:
  - The Campus Copyright Office may only advise a faculty member on what may or may not constitute fair use. If in his opinion the use places the faculty member and/or the University at risk he is obligated to warn the individual. The Copyright Office does not have the power to enforce or prevent usage, again he can only advise. In all cases the individual faculty member should have written permission to use the video/DVD as a streaming digital file from the copyright holder.
  - There is very little that the Library is unwilling to do for faculty to support them in their teaching and research. There is quite a lot that the Library is unable to do for them due to current law, budget, etc. Unfortunately this seems to be one of those cases.

- The minutes of March 31, 2008 Meeting as previously approved were distributed.
• Paul Roberts gave a brief overview of the state of the Library.
  o New staff hired since 2008 include:
    ▪ Melissa Simonson, Classified Cataloger
    ▪ Matt Decker-Mauer, Classified Computer Technician
    ▪ Julianne Johnson transferred in from River Falls as the Classified Circulation Supervisor
    ▪ Dawn Skovbroten was hired as an LTE in Administration Office. Her main duties include the scanning of Master’s Thesis for online posting.
    ▪ Jessy Olson was hired this semester as an Unclassified Librarian. She took over from Denise Madland who retired this past year.
  o New improvements to the building facility include:
    ▪ A new Reference Desk and a new matching ALD desk in the main Reference Room.
    ▪ New furniture has been acquired throughout the Library.
      • The Reference Room has new tables and chairs as well as new upholstered furniture that is laptop friendly. The new furniture has been well received by students. Laptop friendly soft furniture is now located on the fourth and fifth floors as well.
      • All chairs on the 4th floor are now on casters. This was done to facilitate group study. The fourth floor is now the designated group study area. The fifth floor is now the quiet study floor.
    ▪ The Library lobby and entry have been upgraded. A new terrazzo floor in the outer lobby was installed over the WinTerm. The turnstiles in the front entry have been removed and the electronic gates widened and expanded.
  o Library collections now contain:
    ▪ There are currently 228 databases or database systems
    ▪ 231,624 books
    ▪ 1,242,979 microforms
    ▪ 20,729 AV materials
    ▪ 155,586 Electronic books (includes 136,000 Eighteenth Century Collections)
• The Library also passed an internal audit. Finally, while in house usage of the library has flattened out; electronic usage continues to soar with no indication of leveling off.
• The UW Libraries Research Scholars Project was discussed next. Paul Roberts distributed a synopsis of the current pilot program. Briefly the program as proposed is to allow eight faculty members from each UW campus to be designated Research Scholars. They would be given access to all electronic resources at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Library. The program is currently being piloted at UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls. The program may be available to UW-Stout faculty possibly as soon as this summer.
  o At this time UW-Stout needs to set up a committee to review applications when the program begins. Paul Roberts proposed that the committee contain one member from
each of the four UW colleges. He requested that members of the Library Advisory Committee serve on the initial selection committee. He will chair the committee and one other Librarian will also serve. Finally Sue Foxwell from Research Services will also serve on the committee. This will insure an odd number of committee members. Library Advisory Committee members who volunteered to be on the selection committee are:

- Mike Bowman
- James Keyes
- Robert Schuler
- Stephen Shumate.

- There are a number of possible difficulties and pitfalls possible with this program that should be kept in mind.
  - Faculty users should give up their password if they are not using it so that others may have access to resources.
  - Research Scholars cannot share password. Doing so will kill the program.
  - There is no guarantee that the program will not end abruptly.

- Paul Roberts next discussed current challenges facing the Library
  - The Library currently is in the process of moving from a Reference Library model to that of a Research Library model. In the past the emphasis in the Library has been on supporting teaching and acting as a reference source for students and faculty. In the future library resources will be directed towards supporting research at all levels. This is a different model than what has been the traditional UW-Stout Library. The designation of UW-Stout as a polytechnic university also changes the needs and complexion of the Library.
  - The doubling of programs has not been reflected with a corresponding increase in Library acquisitions. Discussions with the Provost’s Office have begun to alleviate this issue.
  - Issues about space usage in the Library are complex.
  - As the University continues to change the Library will also change. Library staffing and staffing patterns must be carefully considered to provide the optimum service to the UW-Stout community.

- Paul Roberts intends to have this committee meet once each semester. Unless there is an urgent need the next meeting will be held in the fall semester.

- Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at this time.