

Stony Brook University Senate Library Services Committee
Minutes from the Meeting on 2/12/09

Present: Hongshik Ahn, Jay Bock, Bushra Butt, Fiona Grady, Julitta Jo, Wolfgang Quitschke, Robert Shrock (Chair),

Invitees to make presentations: Dana Antonucci-Durgan, David Weiner

Other: Sherry Chang

Absent: Floris Cash, Chris Filstrup, Bill Godfrey, Stephen Koch, Lindsey Levitan, Judith Lochhead, F. Jason Torre, Lin-shu Wang (Chris Filstrup was away on his successful mission to bid for another George Washington letter for our library, and Jason Torre was covering some tasks in the library for Chris. Some other members were teaching and/or called in sick.)

The Chair, Prof. Shrock, had previously circulated the minutes from the December 11, 2008 meeting. They were approved.

Dana Antonucci-Durgan gave a slide presentation in great detail about campus e-publishing. This is a pilot project that has its beginnings from a discussion that Massimo Pigliucci had with Dana about making a new journal called Philosophy & Theory in Biology (= PTB) accessible through open source software hosted on a SBU campus server. Also, the Forum Italicum is another journal interested in publishing content online including over 40 years of back issues. Dana proceeded to explain the (1) models, (2) platforms, and (3) management roles to be considered.

1) Some open access models are: (a) “green publications”, meaning that authors are permitted to retain an archival copy of their article in an institutional repository (i.e., self-archiving). Publishers permitting author self-archiving include Wiley and American Institute of Physics. (b) “gold publications” - author and/or institution pays to have an article available via open access ; BioMed Central publications are an example of a gold publisher. [c] Delayed open access - Content is available open access after a specified period of time. (d) Processing fee. SBU’s pilot projects fall between the gold and delayed publication models. The PTB journal will be a peer reviewed, open access publication with no author fees.

2) Platforms available to publish electronic journals include 1) hosting on the campus server, 2) ContentDM or Dspace , 3) open source software such as TOPAZ or Open Journal System, 4) commercial software, 5) society or commercial publishers or 6) in-house software. Open source software packages considered were TOPAZ and OJS. The software selected was OJS (Open Journal System). The software was developed by Stanford University, University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. Subscribing institutions have an ip address. Institutions without an ip address would be denied access.

3) Management Roles pertain to library role and editors/managers role. The library role includes: software updates, training, applications to database providers for inclusion in database indexing, ISSN and DOI, indexing, advising on financial sustainability, archiving content, and providing technical assistance. The roles of the editors and managers include: submitting articles by e-mail, the peer review process, taking care of financial transactions through PayPal possibly, copy editing & formatting, loading content, customizing website, setting up ranking system, keeping subscription information with ip access. Commenting sections of the journal can require registration

or allow anonymity. Also, for the pilot journal, pdfs will be uploaded instead of html. Right now Fang Peng and Helen Xue are working on searching through pdf for content.

There will be a call for articles for PTB in spring 2009 and the journal will officially launch in fall 2009.

David Weiner handed out the new reserves policy. This was contrasted to the current policy which was projected for all to view from the library's homepage. Up to this time, faculty can request unlimited reserves. However, for various reasons, the policy needs to be changed. First, there is an increase in reserve material which requires more shelf space. Second, the library needs to purchase additional copies of textbooks causing an impact on the collection budget. The library budget funds need to be kept for non-textbook monographs. Third, there is need for more seating for student study purposes on the third floor. Fourth, the one staff member who is responsible for reserves has little time to provide other patron assistance. A vote was called and all present approved the new policy, which is as follows: First, if a book is not owned by the Library, then one copy will be purchased regardless of the number of classes requesting that title. Second, if one copy is owned by the library, then duplicate copies will not be purchased. Third, if the library owns multiple copies, then all of these will be placed on reserve. Fourth, faculty may place their personal copies on reserve. Fifth, instructors may consider using Blackboard for selected textbook readings, abiding by copyright guidelines. B. Butt suggested that a copy of the new policy could be sent to subject selectors. As DVD's are also used as reserve materials and cost less than textbooks, one could consider allowing multiple copies to be reserved. S. Chang added that selectors need to be informed, as this affects the monograph budget.

Chris Filstrup's report was read aloud as he was absent. It includes the following points: The library contribution to the provost's deficit reduction is a freeze on staff vacancies. With four positions vacant the library has coped by consolidating three acquisitions departments into one. In order to improve electronic resources available for humanities and lettered social sciences the library is looking at corpora of full text such as Early English Books online. The provost has agreed to consider such a request against IFR funds. The four Center libraries are each taking a university press to avoid duplication of scholarly monographs. SBU will collect University of Chicago titles. The Library is bidding on a 1780 letter of George Washington to Benjamin Tallmadge. The bidding starts at \$25,000. [Addendum: the SBU bid of \$48,000 won. It should be emphasized that the money for this purchase did not come out of funds that could otherwise have been spent on monograph purchases for the history and/or other humanities and social sciences departments. Instead, it involved special funds that were secured with the help of Steve Engelbright.

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The new Chemistry Library is open for visitation now or at the March meeting.

These notes were taken by Maryanne Vigneaux, secretary for Chris Filstrup, with minor editing by Bob Shrock.