

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Committee on the Library
(Final; Information)

LB.12.01 2011-2012 Annual Report

The Senate Committee on the Library met five times during the 2011-2012 academic year. The major issue discussed during the year was the content and strategy for resolving the difficulties in finding support for Resolution LB.11.01, concerned with open access to publications authored by faculty at the Urbana-Champaign campus. The resolution was presented for consideration at the April 28, 2011 meeting of the Senate. After discussion of the resolution on April 28, 2011, the Senate voted to return the resolution to the Senate Library Committee. During the meetings of the Committee in 2011-2012, it was decided to postpone further discussion of the resolution and seek alternative strategies to achieving the open access goals of resolution in the future. It was suggested that the focus be on educating faculty and to obtain the support of the new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Research before resubmitting the Open Access resolution to the Senate for action. It is hoped that this topic might be revisited in 2012-2013.

Issues brought to the attention of the Committee by the University Librarian include:

- The library received a 5.79% increase in its budget. Most of the increase has come from the Library/IT fee.
- Due to changes in the University Retirement System to be implemented in June of 2012, many senior library faculty and staff members are retiring. An aggressive recruiting and hiring process has been initiated. The Library staff is really strained from the loss of senior library faculty and staff.
- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded the Library a \$1.25 million challenge grant to establish an endowment for a senior book and paper Conservator. The University is one of three institutions to receive this grant, and the only public university library among the three. Matching funds must be raised within three years..
- The library acquired a number of resources from Alexander Street Press, which consist of streaming video libraries. The University was able to leverage collective buying power with other institutions in Illinois to achieve better pricing. The video libraries are more heavily weighted toward humanities, but there are resources for the social sciences as well
- The University Library also completed a significant acquisition from ProQuest. This was supported, in part, with funds from the Library/IT fee. The purchase included over 46 electronic resources along with a sizeable acquisition of microfilm content. The microfilm is mostly Slavic and other area studies content that is scarcely held – perhaps only at the Library of Congress, Harvard, or UC Berkeley

- A partnership agreement with National Taiwan University Library was signed. It calls for exchanges of personnel and services.
- The Library's partnership with the University of Pretoria Library, was established several years ago. The library is exploring ways to make this partnership more productive.

Paula Kaufman our University Librarian, was named the 2012 ACRL (Association of College & Research Libraries) Academic/Research Librarian of the year.

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