Minutes of the Faculty Meeting
March 5, 2009

Meeting Chair: Carol Krismann

Members Present: Ascher, Brower, D’Avis, Dulock, Ferris, Hamilton, Hayworth, Hicks, Holladay, Kellsey, Knievel, Larsen, Losoff, Lundy, Mabbett (NV), Maness, Mantz, Moeller, Rolla, Sampsel, Wakimoto, Wiersma (NV), J. Williams, S. Williams,

I. Recruitment Update (Krismann reported for Culshaw): Two searches in progress: Head of Engineering (references are being checked) and Continuing Resources Cataloger (application close date is March 15). New searches approved by the Provost to begin: Art/Architecture Librarian (Research & Instruction), Social Sciences Librarian (Research & Instruction), Faculty Director for Information Technology (Administrative Services), Cataloger/Metadata Specialist (Cataloging and Metadata Services)

II. Approval of the Minutes: Approved as submitted

III. Unfinished Business: None

IV. New Business: None

V. Old Business: None

VI. Committee Reports:

1. Faculty Personnel (Moeller): The committee is reviewing annual merit documentation.

2. Awards, Elections, Faculty Support (Ferris): Awards approved five supplementary funds awards in the last round. The deadline for Ellsworth Award nominations is March 27.

3. Promotion and Reappointment: no report

4. Tenure (Kellsey): Kellsey is the new chair. The committee is considering a few issues before the new cases for review begin in June. A workshop on CVs is being planned. Ideas for others workshops are welcome.

5. Committee of Chairs: no report

6. Appeals Committee: no report

7. Other Library Committees:
a. Faculty Staff Development (Larsen): Next week, Leilani Arthurs will be presenting on the Science Education Initiative and its new style of teaching and learning

b. Web Advisory: no report

c. Library Advisory: no report

d. Recruitment to the Profession (Mabbett): Last week, one Fellow went on the tour of PASCAL and the new Health Sciences Library. Ascher will be taking all of the Fellows to COPFFN (Collaborative Preparing Future Faculty Network) meeting. Trips to DU, the Art Institute of Denver, and other institutions are being planned.

e. Assessment (Holladay): The focus of the charge and the composition of the committee are changing. Discussions are now with the Cabinet.

f. Digital Projects Advisory Group (Krismann reported for Long): The Publishers’ Binding Collection went live in the CU Digital Library last week. The Ege medieval manuscript leaves from Special Collections and the Bent-Hyde Collection have been scanned and the metadata is being planned and created. The Brackett Photo Collection (photos of Boulder and the campus in the early 20th century) and a collection of watercolor plates of historic costumes are being scanned.

g. BFA: no report

VII. Administrative Reports (J. Williams):

1. Campus leadership:

Currently, there is no news about the campus leadership. Chancellor Petersen officially begins at Georgia Tech on April 1. The Regents will meet next week. Interim leadership is unclear until President Benson and the Regents announce their plans. The Deans met with Pres. Benson and topics included: the momentum that the university has and the importance of not losing that momentum; the endorsement of Flagship 2030; possibly entertaining longer term interim leadership, although permanent leadership is needed; and overcoming CU’s reputation of being a farm team: we train them and then they move on to the next level in the big leagues.

2. The budget:

The campus continues to hold us harmless and is buying a $3.9 million cut this year. It will not be the same next year. On March 20, we will know more when the state forecasts fiscal matters for next year. Academic Affairs holds 70 percent of the budget, so it will incur 70 percent of the cuts. Academic Affairs’
portion for next year will be $2-2.5 million, divided by the 10 colleges and schools. Dean Williams expressed hope that the stimulus money will be here when we need it.

3. President’s Office Efficiency Study:

The study was driven by the Boulder campus and the Boulder Faculty Assembly. The study aims to look at the administrative policy statements, including the policy statement on tenure for librarians. The Dean responded that it is not the right time for this. He reports every year on the status of our policy and whether anything has changed. The Law School is different from us; CU Colorado Springs is like us and used our policy; CU Denver is reviewing their policy. He suggested that the fall would be a better time for all campuses to review their policy statements.

4. Meeting with LSA:

The Dean will be meeting with LSA; they have two items on the agenda. The first is the question asking if we are going to join the Hathi Trust. The Trust is a shared digital repository of research libraries (many of them Big Ten libraries), including Google Books. Google’s intent is to digitize every book on the globe and then to license the content, using the subscription-based business model. Currently Google has digitized 7 million books. The BFA asked the Dean how can we not participate. He thinks we cannot avoid it, but everything is not clear yet. He added that it is not clear why the staff are asking. The kind of content we are digitizing is not what Google is going after. The second LSA agenda item is a budget update.

5. Question to the Dean:

On the question of the security of our travel funds, the Dean said that for this year they are secure. Next year will depend on what we have to tithe. Travel funds come partially from vacant positions. He is reluctant not to fill them since we are stressed with unfilled positions.

On the topic of filling faculty positions, Wakimoto said she will make the Cataloging Metadata Specialist the last of the four impending searches the Libraries will undertake.

VIII. Announcements

1. University Committees

   EPUS (Hamilton): The committee has been looking at the pattern of review of the administrative policy statements initiated by the President’s Office. The BFA has complained about the pattern of review, resulting from the Estes
Report. The tenure policy question was addressed earlier in the meeting by Dean Williams. Hamilton said he represents more than librarians, but he affirms the right of librarians to have tenure.

2. Other – no other announcements

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Recorder: Windy Lundy