Duquesne University Gumberg Library  
University Library Committee  
10/18/12  
3-4 pm  
Room 202

Present: Mrs. Tracie Ballock, Gumberg Library  
Mr. Ted Bergfelt, Gumberg Library  
Dr. Benjamin Binder, School of Music  
Dr. Perry Blatz, McAnulty College  
Dr. Ruth Hicks, McAnulty College  
Dr. Pam Koerner, School of Pharmacy  
Dr. Stuart Kurland, Faculty Senate  
Dr. Laverna Saunders, University Librarian  
Dr. Michael Seaman, BSNES  
Mrs. Kathryn Liermann-recorder

Excused: Dr. Suhail Abboushi, School of Business  
Dr. Alison Colbert, Nursing  
Mrs. Bridget Euliano, Gumberg Library  
Dr. Darius Prier, School of Education  
Dr. Diane Williams, School of Health Sciences  
Ms. Shannon Smith, SGA  
Dr. James Ulrich, SLPA  
Mr. Phil Weber, GPSC

Visitor: Mr. David Nolfi, Gumberg Library  
Mark Prestopik, SLPA  
Bridget Seelinger, SGA

I. Welcome and Introductions - Dr. Laverna Saunders
   • Dr. Saunders delivered a brief welcome to new and current ULC members. The Gumberg Library Campus Guide will be used to communicate minutes, post handouts and other communication pertaining to the University Library Committee. There is a link for the ULC on the Gumberg Library home page, located under Information, University Library Committee. This will directly link to the ULC page.

II. Purpose of the University Library Committee
   • As stated on the ULC home page: The purposes of the University Library Committee (ULC) are: to advise the Provost and the University Librarian on the formulation of library policy in relation to the development of resources for
instruction and research; on the formulation of policy for the allocation of library resources; on the development of library facilities; and on the development of a general program of library services to Duquesne University as a whole within the framework of the Mission. The ULC also provides a forum for communication and discussion about library-related concerns.

III. General Announcements

- Dr. Saunders showed slides highlighting our summer renovation projects. All slides are located on the ULC page, Presentations.
- We are working on a plan for lighting upgrades on the lower floors of the Library as well as duct cleaning by floors with Facilities as a possible capital project for the upcoming fiscal year.
- We are also considering furniture purchases for the 4th floor, re-thinking desktop computer use, (considering BYOD-bring your own device) and downsizing print collections on the 5th floor.
- The elevator replacement started earlier in October and all three of the elevators in the building will be replaced during this academic year.

IV. Questions and Concerns

- Dr. Blatz asked if more compact shelving can be used to store the journals from the 5th floor instead of throwing them away. Tracie explained the weight bearing issues of the Gumberg Library and that the 1st floor is the only location that can support compact shelving. The 1st floor compact shelving is located over solid ground. Weight bearing studies were done several years ago that supported these decisions. An engineering study was done in 2004-2005 to determine building capacities.
- Regarding gaps in new journal issues in JSTOR, Tracie encourages faculty to let acquisitions know if there is a journal they would like the Library to have. These titles can be kept on lists for future purchases. Tracie reminded everyone that articles can be obtained very quickly thru Rapid ILL.

V. LibQual+ Survey Report - David Nolfi

- David delivered a slide presentation on the LibQual+ assessment. The full report and analysis is located on the ULC page, Presentations.

VI. E-books@Gumberg - Tracie Ballock

- Tracie explained why, the Gumberg Library subscribed to ebrary in January 2012 and highlighted its functionality. Instructions for downloading ebrary books to Android and iPad devices was distributed. These instructions will also be posted
Also, she distributed an announcement of an event being held on October 29 from 10 am – 2 pm, 4th floor Gumberg Library. This event is sponsored by ProQuest and Ebrary. Come learn about Mobile Apps, downloading and much more.

VII. Catholic Research Resources Alliance Report - Ted Bergfelt’s Report
- For those who do not know about the Catholic Research Resources Alliance:
  - “The CRRA is a collaborative effort of Catholic colleges and universities and other institutions to share their resources electronically with librarians, archivists, researchers, scholars, and the general public, all who are interested in the Catholic experience. The mission of the CRRA is to provide enduring global access to Catholic research resources. Our immediate focus is creating access to those rare, unique and uncommon research materials relating to every aspect of the Catholic experience, which are held by college, university, and seminary libraries and archives in North America.”
  - The main creation of the CRRA is the "Catholic Portal," a database which provides access to rare, unique and/or uncommon materials in libraries, seminaries, special collections and archives. By electronically bringing together resources in many formats from many collections, the Portal enables easy, effective and global discovery of Catholic research resources.
  - Most things in the portal now are not full text, but it is hoped that as members digitize unique or rare resources that links to these digital items will be added to the portal.
  - DU joined in 2010.
  - First CRRA symposium was held at DU last Nov.
  - This year’s was held at DePaul U in Chicago. About 100 registered.
  - Theme: “Nurturing the Spirit of Perfect Charity: Libraries and Archives at the intersection of Service and Scholarship in Catholic Social justice Studies”
- First Day Highlights - Catholic Newspaper Project
  - DU was one of two universities singled out as being ahead of the curve on this – Pittsburgh Catholic digitization project
  - At this point, creating a directory of Catholic newspaper holdings by members is the priority, with the long-term goal being the creation of a digital repository for these materials
Film: *A Question of Habit*, by Bren Murphy (Loyola, Chicago) a 57 minute documentary on the ways American popular culture has, and continues, to present nuns and how different this is from the contemporary reality.

When this finds distributor, we will certainly want to add it to GL collection

**Second Day Highlights**

- Keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Baxter, Professor at DePaul and a long-time Catholic activist talked about his association with the Berrigan brothers and specifically how he has used their archive (at DePaul) in his scholarship and how it has functioned for him as an inspiration to “leave the stacks for the streets” as he engages in his activism.

- Panel of CRRA institution members speaking of projects

- Marquette: as part of a grant written by CRRA and member institutions (Hidden Resources Grant), indexed over 700 audio recordings on the Catholic Worker Movement, many of Dorothy Day, in the process creating digital files of those tapes – not yet ready to share on the Internet

- DePaul course meeting their social justice requirement, which dealt with the theme of Capital Punishment, specifically with the text *Dead Man Walking* by Sr. Helen Prejean. Sr. Helen’s papers are at DePaul and students used selected materials from this collection as resources for the research they did for their class projects. Sr. Helen also visited the campus and met with the students in this class.

**VIII. Library Strategic Priorities - Dr. Laverna Saunders**

- Discussion deferred for next meeting due to lack of time

Documents posted to ULC page ([http://guides.library.duq.edu/ulc](http://guides.library.duq.edu/ulc))

University Library Committee Purpose

Gumberg Library 2011-2012 Annual Report

Gumberg Library 2010-2015 Strategic Plan

**Scheduled of meetings:**

November 15 3-4 p.m. L-202

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Liermann, 10/23/12