

LMIS Meeting Minutes
Friday April 29, 2016

In attendance: James Bernhard (Chair), Jane Carlin, D. Wade Hands (minutes taker), Zaixin Hong, Martin Jackson, Lauren Nicandri, Patrick O'Neil, Melanie Shaffer, Linda K. Williams

Called to order at 3:33

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

The student member of the committee – Melanie Shaffer – was thanked for her service.

Jane Carlin provided information about Lever Press and the effort to inform faculty about the opportunities they offer. The University of Puget Sound is now one of the founding members of Lever press: a digital first, open access, peer-reviewed, publisher of liberal arts scholarship.

Jane Carlin led a general discussion of what Lever Press was (and was not) and the ways in which our association with them might benefit our faculty and students. A lively discussion ensued with several questions and comments from committee members. In particular, Zaixin Hong asked about the details of the peer-review process. Jane Carlin responded that she did not know the details at the current time, but that one of the benefits of being involved at such an early stage is that we can help shape the way the press handles peer-review and other issues.

The discussion closed on the note that our relationship with Lever Press may have long run benefits that we cannot see at this point.

M/S/P (one abstention) LMIS supports and encourages the faculty's professional relationship with Lever Press.

James Bernhard introduced the next topic: remodeling and moving the library's archives and special collections. The change was motivated by a number of factors, but the most important is that we have not had a proper archive or reading room. President Thomas released funding for the library to have a large reading room exterior to the Shelmidine Room in Collins. The room will be a glass enclosed space that is a modular set-up so it could be moved at low cost. Detailed information about the space – for teaching, research, and archive materials – was discussed by Jane Carlin. She explained that financial support for the project was provided by Lee Diane Collins Vest, the granddaughter of Everell S. Collins, and thanked the previous LMIS committees for their support of the project.

Jane continued discussing the details of the project which will involve flipping the work room with the Shelmidine room and moving the archives. The result will be a space where researchers can work in a proper reading room and it will also provide two classrooms (one small and one larger). The work should take 6-8 weeks to get going.

There were various questions from members of the committee about details of the reading room and other changes, as well as about the Collins family and connection to the library. There were also various comments about the way the library has changed over the years.

James Bernhard said he wanted to stay on the committee another year and that he would like to continue as Chair. This news was very well (perhaps joyously would be more accurate) received by the members of the committee. One of the topics for next year will be the new CIO. The committee should examine our relationship with the CIO and take the opportunity to enhance what we do.

Jane Carlin: Library got a lot of discussion this year and the CIO may move the focus to administrative computing.

Martin Jackson: Suggested that once a semester there should also be a discussion about faculty interaction with administrative computing in general and PeopleSoft in particular: a discussion of "Faculty perspectives on administrative computing."

Linda Williams: Asked some questions about PeopleSoft regarding grades and a brief discussion ensued between Martin Jackson and Linda Williams.

James Bernard: Raised questions about the process of reviewing applications (job and scholarship) and noted that it seems like the system is designed to be as ineffective as possible. It is not possible to compare different applications and there are various problems navigating around the system.

Martin Jackson: HR is trying to improve the job portal and noted that he would get additional information about the process of reviewing scholarships.

James Bernard: Noted that he needed to download all of the applications and that a better solution would be to either i) have the functionality to move between various candidates or ii) the ability to download specific information much more easily. He suggested that a simple download button would be helpful: "The reading is not what takes so long - it is navigating around the system" This concerns scholarship applications such as Collier, etc. in addition to job applications.

Zaixin Hong: What about CIO? Three candidates, but when do we know?

James Bernard: We do not know at this point.

The meeting ended with thanks and congratulations all around for a productive year.

Adjournment at 4:08.