

To: Faculty Senate
From: James Bernhard, Chairperson LMIS
Concerning: Report LMIS Charges 2015-16
Date: April 21, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

The following is a summary of our responses to the Faculty Senate Charges. For further information, I encourage you also to consult the LMIS minutes posted on SoundNet.

The many changes in Technology Services on campus, from the CIO on down, have heavily influenced LMIS's activities this year. Among other things, on Nov 10, 2015 the committee met with Koya Partnership Leaders, who were conducting the CIO search, to provide input into the process. Also, two LMIS members (Jane Carlin and I) have been on the CIO search committee this Spring. We two and two other LMIS members (Martin Jackson and Lauren Nicandri) met with each of the three CIO candidate finalists, and the other members of the committee attended the open sessions with the finalists as their schedules permitted.

We have worked on our charges as we have been able to amidst these changes:

1 Charge: *Work with Institutional Research (IR) and Technology Services (TS) to develop policies concerning the appropriate use of institutional data on campus.*

On Oct 27, 2015, the committee discussed how William Morse's upcoming departure would affect our data use Senate charge. Although there is much work to be done on this charge, due to his departure we couldn't pursue it any further this year.

2 Charge: *Develop a preservation strategy for digital archives of faculty research.*

On Oct 13, 2015, Jane Carlin led a discussion of digital archiving and the use of Sound Ideas, the Digital Commons platform that supports the institutional repository.

3 Charge: *Continue to support initiatives to raise awareness and use of the Archives and Special Collections.*

On Feb 19, 2016, Jane Carlin provided an update on proposed renovation and expansion of archive space, which was contingent on a one-time budget request that had not yet been approved, and there was no timeframe for approval.

4 Charge: *Discuss ways in which LMIS can support collaborative activities on campus such as NW5C digital humanities projects.*

On Oct 13, 2015, Jane Carlin elaborated on this charge, describing the Northwest 5 initiative and the possibility of a workshop on digital humanities, contingent on funding. The committee then discussed the role that the Digital Humanities team on campus (which I am myself involved with) might play in such things.

Some other LMIS activities this year were:

- On Oct 27, 2015, the committee discussed and approved Carlin's draft for a proposed new charge to LMIS regarding ongoing plans to consider the library's physical space and its collections. The charge was sent to the Faculty Senate, but the Senate did not approve the charge, instead recommending that the committee simply discuss the issue without a formal charge. However, other business that came up took precedence, so we have not discussed the issue any further.
- On Dec 1, 2015, the committee formally commended Williams Morse and expressed wishes for good luck in his new position.
- On Dec 1 2015, Jane Carlin led a discussion to generate questions to be included on the upcoming LIBQUAL survey.
- On Feb 5 2016, the committee discussed whether Puget Sound should support Lever Press, an initiative of many liberal arts colleges to promote Open Access publishing. Although there are issues to consider, most members seemed to lean in favor of supporting Lever Press.
- On Feb 19, 2016, Jane Carlin presented library usage statistics to the committee.

Requests for future charges:

Although this is not a charge, I would like to request that the ASUPS Director of Technology Services be included as a student member of LMIS in the future. I think that the input of a student in such a position would be valuable to the committee.

Committee size and workload:

The committee seemed to have a suitable number of members for its workload. LMIS needs enough members to fuel discussions, but it does not have a lot of regular subcommittee work that needs to be divided among its members, so more members are not needed.

None of our workload seemed superfluous, but we were unable to attend to our planned technology items of business due to the many changes in Technology Services on campus this year.

Additional comments:

Although I am scheduled for a year off from standing committees next year, I would like to serve as chair of LMIS again next year if I may. With a new CIO, we have an outstanding opportunity to foster a strong and communicative relationship between the faculty and Technology Services. I hope that I may again chair LMIS next year in order to help bring this type of relationship about.