

Library Liaison Advisory Group  
Fall Quarter Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 26, 2007  
9:00am- 10:30am, 11:00am – 12:30pm, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

1. Update on LLAG meetings from last academic year – Peggy Keeran
  - Introductions
  - No Winter Quarter meeting; next meeting will take place in the spring.
  
2. Penrose Library building project update – Dean Nancy Allen
  - New concept to make the library the intellectual hub of the university, and to repurpose the facility from scratch using the existing walls and floors:
    - All collections to be brought together on campus (Penrose, Mary Reed, Pascal)
      - Browseable collection in compact, moveable shelving on lower level
      - Storage in underground high-density facility on the south side of Penrose
    - Addition which will add two floors of new space above the high-density storage facility
    - Central skylight/light well will bring light to the upper two floors, which will provide students with a variety of seating options, from deep quiet to group study areas.
    - On main level, “Service Neighborhoods” will rim the area, allowing students to consult with various departments in their process “from inquiry to expression.” We hope to have, not only the Research Help Center and the Writing Center for student consultation, but a media center to allow students to integrate a variety of technologies into their presentation. The definition of “expression” is wide open at this point, and will vary from discipline to discipline.
    - Lighted tower over entrance will serve as a call to students and draw the students from across campus.
  - Presented sketch-up presentation of new concept.
    - Q: Will windows facing west cause problems with too much sun?  
A: No. Not with the right kind of glass and window treatments.
    - Q: Will there be additional volume count added to stacks or will it be only what is useable?  
A: Because of the changing preference for digital formats, print journals which are mainly accessed by citation will be put in high-density storage and things that are most often used will remain in moveable shelving on the lower level, including periodicals which are browsed for content.
    - Q: Has there been discussion on sustainability?  
A: Yes. The addition will be LEED compliant and all of the design team is LEED certified.
    - Q: What process was used to select the design team?  
A: The current team is a continuance of the previous team. They worked with the Law School and are experts in the field of library design.
  
3. Penrose Library Research Program – Carrie Forbes
  - There have been changes in the concept of Reference, which has shifted from being fact-based to in-depth research questions and the evaluation of resources; therefore we have changed our name from the Reference Desk to the Research Help Center.
  - This has significantly increased the flow of students with complex research questions and has led to an increase in consultation requests.

- We are now working to incorporate research into the curriculum through research intensive core courses.
- If you are interested in incorporating intensive research into your core course, please contact your library liaison.
- We will be hiring a new Faculty member to coordinate the Research Center. This will include student outreach and working with external departments such as Student Life.
  - Q: The emphasis will be on research literacy, but will the focus be solely on finding content, or also on getting research into a presentable form?  
A: We are pushing to create resources that will assist students in putting their research into presentable form.
  - Suggestion: Survey students to find out in what areas they feel they need assistance.

#### 4. Collection Development – Peggy Keeran

##### a. WLA Grants –

- Faculty can request up to \$4000 to support the curriculum.
- Requests must be a one-time purchase, such as artist’s books or microfilm sets, not subscriptions.
- Have approximately \$40,000 available from WLA Annual Gifts.
- This is a good chance for new faculty members, who are working in areas not well supported by our collection, to request purchases in their areas of study
  - Q: How many grants are available?  
A: Not every faculty member requests the full amount, and if we go over \$40,000, we try and accommodate all requests received.
  - Q: Can a department submit a request?  
A: No, it must be done individually. We encourage you to work with your liaison.

##### b. New database subscriptions, including the Elsevier backfiles

- [See appendix for list and description]

##### c. Discussion about types of non-print collections that faculty need, such as streaming media, images, and audio from commercial vendors.

- Penrose is exploring if streaming videos serve our community better than video or DVD. For example, streaming video from Films for the Arts and Humanities are \$80 each for 3 years of access, with access renewable after the three years. We would lose the archival element, but it would allow for more flexibility.
- Q: Has the library considered purchases such as virtual laboratories for Engineering?  
A: No, but this will be looked into.
- Q: Has the concept of an open library in an internet archive been considered?  
A: We are experimenting with Google Book. However there is the issue of how to process this data in our catalog.
- Q: Can the library purchase videos of natural, interpersonal interactions for students in communications programs to examine and evaluate?  
A: We will look into this.

##### d. Penrose monthly book displays

- Monthly displays. We will begin monthly book displays at the front entrance area of the library. November is American Indian Heritage month, which will be the theme of the display.
  - Suggestions:
    1. A guest speaker who addresses the theme of the monthly display.

5. Penrose Library Author Series – Jenny Bowers

- Last year at the first annual Author Series Lecture, we invited David Von Drehle to speak about his book *Triangle: The Fire that Changed America*.
- Our goal for this year and future years is to find authors who can also discuss their writing process and who can be integrated into the curriculum.
- Please ask your colleagues for suggestions, and email Jenny Bowers (jbowers@du.edu) or Peggy Keeran (pkeeran@du.edu) if you have any author you would like to recommend.
  - Suggestion: Partnering with the Newman Center/Denver Post Speaker Series.
    1. We discussed this idea after the LLAG meeting, and although a very attractive idea we do want this to be a speaker that appeals to the DU community.

6. Videos and DVDs update – Peggy Keeran

- Videos and DVDs will be moved into the public area for students to browse by call number.

7. Archives and Special Collections – Steve Fisher

- The Special Collections Reading Room is now located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library.
- Recent acquisition of the papers of former Denver Councilwoman Mackenzie.
  - These contain documents relating to local government actions, zoning, and environmental issues, and can be incorporated into a variety of classes.
- Kate Crow – Athletics Project Archivist
  - Working on a multi-year, joint project with the Department of Athletics and Recreation.
    - This is a pilot project in the LDR archiving photos, rosters, press releases, and statistics.
    - Looking for students with research interests to collaborate.

8. Alliance Digital Repository update – Chris Brown

- DU's Library Digital Repository (LDR) is on schedule for January 2008.
- Departments can participate to store departmental projects, records, newsletters, journals, etc....
- Can also be used by faculty as a personal space for storing things to which you own the copyright.
- Department/Faculty is responsible for managing their site.

○ Q: Who is the content accessible to?

A: By default, content is available to anyone with internet access, however access can be limited. It is intended to be a venue or working space.

9. Open discussion

- a. Issues, concerns, ideas – what are you hearing from your faculty about the library?
  - Are there niches we can fill where students struggle?
    - Q: Is it possible to create a list of which departments have what software? This way, departments could collaborate on the purchase of software needed.
      - We will look into this issue.