

University of Pittsburgh
Senate Library Committee
Minutes: January 6, 2010

Members Present:

Lisa Bernardo
Lou Berry
Fern Brody
Rakshita Chanan
Sudipta Devanath
Brian Eichner
Barbara Epstein

Robert Evans
Patrick Hughes
Rose Hoffmann
Dennis Looney
Rush Miller
Adam Shear

The minutes of Oct. 23, 2009 were accepted.

Old Business: There was no ULS report. Rush Miller encouraged the use of D-Scholarship.

New Business:

Rose Hoffmann, Lou Berry and Adam Shear reported on the Faculty Assembly meeting in Oct. 2009 and the Spring Senate Plenary Session: Scholarly Publishing Today and Tomorrow: What you need to Know. There were mixed reviews from faculty present at the FA meeting. Some expressed comments included:

- Time
- Faculty responsibility
- Opt in or opt out
- Effects on promotion and tenure
- Copyright/ownership

Discussion followed related to next steps of the Senate Library Committee. It was suggested that the committee draft a recommendation to FA that the University Senate endorse the creation of a university-wide Open Access Task Force to be charged with the development of university policies and procedures on open access publishing and faculty use of Pitt's institutional repository, to be appointed jointly by the Provost and the President of the University Senate, to include constituents from all of the major groups concerned with these issues.

The Senate Library Committee will send the recommendation to FA for presentation at the February 2010 FA meeting.

The Senate Library Committee approved the recommendation unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1400.

Respectfully submitted

Rose L. Hoffmann
Recorder