LIBRARY BOARD REPORT, 2010

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Mission:
The University Library Board serves as an advisory group to the Dean of the University Libraries, and its individual members also act as liaisons to their specific disciplines, alerting colleagues and students to issues, concerns, events, and ongoing services available at, and related to, the Raynor Memorial Libraries.

Board Activity during the Academic Year, 2009-2010:
The Board’s first meeting was on October 28, 2009. Ms. Ann Hanlon, Digital Project Librarian, presented the Library’s new plans to create a digital repository of published and unpublished faculty and student scholarship. The Board also discussed the Libraries’ budget for the academic year and new appointments to the Raynor Memorial professional staff. The Board then addressed the implementation of an informational program for faculty centering on copyright law and its implications for faculty members, with particular regard to electronic reserve collections, D2L, and other modes of reproducing protected materials. The University is under mandate in a recent legal action to mount such a program.

A subcommittee of the Board, including the Dean of Libraries, the Associate Dean, and the Board Chair, then met several times in the Fall and early Spring semesters of 2009-2010 to undertake preliminary design of the program. The subcommittee considered a number of potential presenters and made a tentative offer to a faculty member in the UWM School of Library Science. This individual has both a Master’s in Library Science and a law degree, specializes in copyright matters, and has done presentations quite similar to the one we require at a number of other research universities. Our tentative arrangement calls for him to offer both an on-campus program and to make an instructional module available to us for online use by our faculty. Entitled “Maximizing the Use of Protected Content in Higher Education Under the Copyright Law,” the program would cover questions such as:
- What is copyright?
- What can and cannot be copyrighted? What content is in the public domain?
- What are the legal consequences for faculty members using copyrighted materials without permission?
- How should faculty analyze and resolve copyright issues in the classroom?
- What is fair use and how can practices be adjusted to fall within fair use?
- What can faculty place on D2L?
- How do the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act affect Marquette faculty and their pedagogy?

The second meeting of the full Library Board was held on March 29. The Dean reported on a number of initiatives by Library administration: the ongoing efforts to provide more study rooms for students in the Library; the addition of 24/7 hours for the second floor of Raynor to match the hours for the building’s first floor; and the ongoing improvements to both the Library’s website and to Marcat. The Board also received a report from Jay Kirk, Head of Collection Development, noting among other acquisition developments the continuing trend to electronic periodical subscriptions. The Board then turned to the copyright program. Regrettably, current budgetary constraints preclude presenting the program prior to the commencement of the next fiscal year. The Board, however, discussed tentative dates for mounting the program in the Fall semester of 2010. Library administration and the Board Chair will pursue necessary funding and coordinate scheduling with other departments of the University in order to implement that Fall 2010 presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Julius R. Ruff
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