

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 1998

Room 335, IMU

Members Present: A. Bhattacharjee, L. Burmeister, J. Carlson, C. Colvin, J. Cox, R. Curto, J. Jew, J. Kline, K. Mescher, G. Milavetz, M. Pincus, J. Stone, K. Tachau, E. Wasserman, B. Wiley.

Members Absent (Excused): B. Butler, K. Clark, J. Menninger, R. Weir.

Members Absent: H. Diehl.

Guests: Lee Anna Clark (Office of the Provost), David Dobbins (ITS), Charlie Drum (University Relations), Carin Green (Classics), W. H. Knight, Jr. (Office of the Provost), Christopher Roy (Art and Art History), Steve Troester (Liberal Arts Administration).

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.
- II. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent, with the addition of an item concerning a Committee on Elections recommended replacement for a departing Council member.
- III. The minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of 1 December 1998 were approved.
- IV. A motion to appoint Samir Bishara to replace Kay Mescher on Council for the remainder of her term was made and second. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Old Business: Continued discussion of University Library situation.

Professor Carin Green, University Libraries Committee Chair, again spoke to the Council about the steep price increases that must be paid by the University for subscriptions to certain journals, especially scientific journals published by European publishers. She distributed materials (copies attached) illustrating the price increases over time and the costs of some of the more expensive journals. Professor Green stressed the need for faculty to take unified action to resist these price increases, by such actions as: supporting only those journals that are responsible in their pricing; supporting publications produced by scholarly or professional societies; supporting libraries in buying new, more reasonably-priced journals; and learning how to retain copyrights.

Kathryn Tachau observed that the short-term issue is the decision of the libraries to make certain cuts in serial acquisitions without faculty approval.

Motion: Professor Tachau moved that the Council recommend to the administration that cuts in serial acquisitions be postponed until completion of the pending review of the library. The motion was tabled by unanimous consent, pending consideration by the library committee.

VI. New Business:

A. David Dobbins, Director of ITS, presented an ITS Status Report and led a discussion of some of the issues that have faced ITS and/or are currently facing ITS. Professor Chris Roy presented several questions in written form (a copy is attached), which Mr. Dobbins endeavored to answer.

B. Because of time constraints, President Wiley announced that we would hear Prof. Bhattacharjee's report on compensation issues in January.

C. President Wiley recognized Kay Mescher and Robert Weir, both of whom are leaving the Council, and thanked them for their outstanding service.

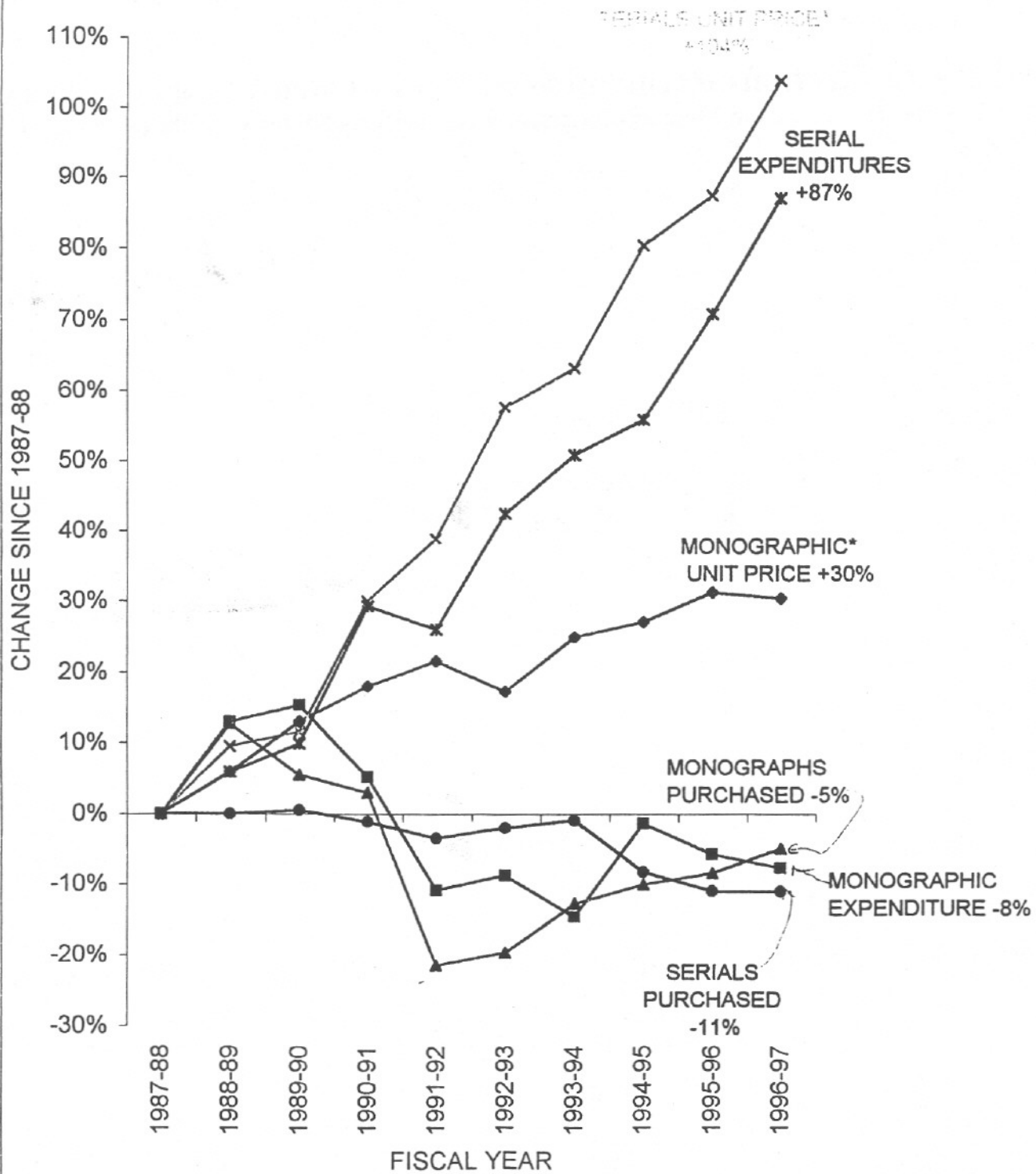
VI. The Council meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Carlson
Vice President and Acting Secretary for this meeting

Committee on Elections Recommended Replacement: Faculty Council: Samir Bishara (Orthodontics) to replace Kay Mescher (Preventive & Community Dentistry) for the remainder of her term (1999).

MONOGRAPHIC AND SERIAL COSTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA LIBRARIES 1987-1997



*Based on ARL information

Expensive journals purchased by the University of Iowa Libraries.

Title	Publisher	Frequency of publication	Fund	Cost - 1998 or 1999
Cell and tissue research.	Springer-Verlag	monthly	Biology	\$4,564.00 (99)
Combustion science and technology.	Gordon & Breach	9 xs per yr	Engineering	\$6,490.00 (98)
Computer methods in applied mechanics and engineering.	Elsevier	weekly	Engineering	\$5,548.55 (99)
Journal of organometallic chemistry.	Elsevier	44 issues (some combined)	Chemistry	\$7,613.00 (98)
Biochimica et biophysica acta.	Elsevier	126 issues (some combined)	Med	\$10,839.00 (99)
Nonlinear analysis.	Elsevier	28 issues	Math	\$3,175.00 (99)
The journal of comparative neurology.	John Wiley	weekly	Med	\$11,595.00 (99)
European journal of pharmacology.	Elsevier	69 issues	Med	\$6,702.00 (98)
Gene.	Elsevier	36 issues	Biology	\$6,487.00 (99)
International journal of pharmaceutics.	Elsevier	32 issues	Pharmacy	\$5,199.00 (99)
Communications in mathematical physics.	Springer-Verlag	27 issues	Physics	\$5,082.50 (99)

This list includes only serial titles for which a single payment provides a single title. We have expensive package subscriptions for which a one large payment provides 3 or more serial titles.

Nov. 12, 1998

Faculty Senate Meeting

December 15, 1998

ITS Status Report

1. Issues

Financial and accounting	FY97: (\$700,000); FY98: \$50,000; FY99: budgeted (\$1.5 million); funding of depreciation
Organizational structure	Too much overhead; structures too flat; loss of identity/accountability; too complex for customers
Service and policy definitions	Aversion to Microsoft; confusion over payor vs. requestor; "customer" rhetoric vs. effective policies
Internal administrative systems	Old systems; inconsistently applied data; serving others vs. serving ITS needs
CCUP project funding	Stopped in Nov, 1997 due to scope changes; funding exhausted.

2. Changes

Professional fees rate and productive hours increased; depreciation added	Rates changed, but global fee reduction created to allow 2-3 year transition.
Academic Technologies group formed	Focus is on support for faculty, new technologies, specifications for other ITS units; 17.5 FTE
PlanView project management tool in implementation phase	Identify where people are spending time, effort. Allow customers to control our priorities.
CCUP project restarted	Restarted bidding in Spring, 1998, construction in Fall, 1998; 18 buildings, quality contractor.
Networking projects not covered by CCUP	Partnering with those who can pay; Seeking new sources of central funding Campus: \$3.5 mil; Residence Halls: \$4.6 mil
Network Management policy in final draft form (internal)	Defined criteria for Standard, Non-standard and Partner
Seeking new partnerships with campus units (equals, not just one standard)	Help Desk/Training partnerships; technical standard-setting; Microsoft vs. unix support

3. Future

	Timeframe	
University directory service	Q1, Q2	1999
Mainframe/servers refresh	Q4	1998
Computer room upgrades at Lindquist Center	Q3,4	1999
Relocate from Bell switch building and Lindquist to new University Services Building	Q4	1999
New Library System to replace OASIS		1999
New Telephone switches		1999/00
Residence Halls wiring		1999/00
Personal/portable access by students, faculty		2000
Year 2000 transition complete		2000

David Dobbins
Head ITS

ITAC Information Technology Advisory Committee

1. We recently received a memo about relaying, about cutting the forwarding of e-mail from and to independent providers. This would seem to make it more difficult for those of us who have private accounts to use our university machines in our offices to access those private accounts. Is it true that ITS has additional plans to monitor faculty use of their university e-mail accounts for personal use, and will faculty e-mail be monitored by spies to assure compliance?
2. When we speak with our colleagues at other peer universities we get the impression that Iowa is about a decade behind most of them, even of other regents institutions, in providing support for faculty computing, especially Ethernet and web support. Is there a reason, and are there plans to try to catch up? Iowa State has had a campus wide digital image service for years, but our School of Art is not even wired for Ethernet.
3. There is poor communication between ITS and faculty. At most peer institutions faculty have frequent and serious input in decisions made by ITS, but at Iowa ITS seems to be run without such faculty oversight or advice. My impression from speaking with colleagues on ITAC is they that committee is out of the loop on important ITS decisions, and that ITS is not responsive to ITAC. Are their plans to improve faculty participation in ITS decisions? An example is the cutting of support for Wordperfect without consulting faculty. There is a similar lack of support for Filemaker and Windows NT.
4. The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts has recently sent a memo to DEOs stating the from now on any faculty member who requests funding for a Mac will have to justify the request because Macs cost more. This seems to parallel a decrease in support for Mac by ITS, even to the point that we must now purchase Macs online and get them repaired ourselves. Does this reflect a bias against Macs by ITS, and how does this reconcile with the fact that many of the most creative and innovative teaching technology projects on campus (Roy, Culy, Landon, Virtual Hospital) , widely covered in the press, are entirely based on Macs?
5. I have heard rumors that the charges to departments for hookups of computers to the Ethernet will increase from \$60/machine to \$600/machine. Is this true and how does anyone think departments can afford such charges on current bare-bones budgets?
6. The School of Art was initially told we would be connected to Ethernet this time last year, then this fall, then by spring semester, and now this deadline seems to be in jeopardy. Why have some departments and most administrators been connected to net for years, while top-ranked departments like art are still not connected? Is it not true that