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Guest: Kent McKeever

Federated searching
- You can search all the libraries through Clio, but cannot see circulation status
- Protocol that allows CLIO to talk with Pegasus: Z 39.50, but easier to search on CLIO and then come back into Pegasus to search for particular sources
- no good programs for searching across different journal programs (OUP uses different protocols), basically, have to rely on Lexis and Westlaw to run federated searches in law journals

Refresher courses for researching in the library
- heighten awareness and availability of refresher courses

Introduction by McKeever
- Constraints: physical plant
  - current library usage
    - 6th floor – rare books
    - 5th floor – tech services
    - 4th floor
    - 3rd floor – part
    - 2nd floor – Japanese collection, staff, ed. support
    - cellar – stacks 350,000 books
      - note that cellar is not ADA compliant
    - basement in SIPA – 60,000 books (semi-rare books)
    - 125,000 off-site storage (near Princeton)
  - constant pressure to give up space to non-library needs
    - faculty space
    - classrooms
    - Dean wants 5th floor spaces for faculty offices (faculty get windows)
  - future space allocations
    - need to keep statutes in paper
    - cases are not necessary to see on paper (HeinOnline)
    - foreign law collections – only four libraries are keeping these collections
- Administrative structure of the library
  - Harry Kavros – Dean of Administration
Kent McKeever
- Jody Armstrong – education, research, public services
  - five reference librarians
    - these librarians rotate, so they each have other duties
    - Andrew Larach – head of public services (in charge of Circ desk)
  - special collections librarian
  - special Japanese law librarian (endowment)
  - special international law librarian
  - small group of research librarians for law firm
- Mary Burgos – tech services (cataloguing, ordering – 20 people)
- Andrew Larach – head of public services (in charge of Circ desk)
  - special collections librarian
  - special Japanese law librarian (endowment)
- Mary Burgos – tech services (cataloguing, ordering

45 full time employees, 17 library degrees, 10 law degrees (all public service positions have law degrees)

budget
- costs – publishers
- databases
  - Lexis and Westlaw give high discounts, they may cut these
  - Bloomberg has its own law database, one terminal (reference) and one outside the copy room/computer lab
    - training is available, ask reference librarians

problem:
- is the library a good location for donors? named reading rooms?
- proposals:
  - enlarged reading room on the third floor $20 million dollars
    - note: we have half the ideal seats for the size of the student body in our library currently. But note that those proportions were developed before laptops. Now, library is only crunched before exams
  - strip the third floor reserve room of its non-reserve stacks, expand seating ($1 million)

changes on the table
- remove stacks?
- reference support?
  - more teaching by the reference librarians
- work space?
  - more student reading/work space
- more digital services
  - problem – connections, upkeep, not as good as Lexis and Westlaw

National Conference of Bar Examiners proposal to test legal research skills (would not affect current 2Ls or 3Ls)
  - McKeever is against it

book storage and retrieval
- basement could be used as a closed stack book retrieval places
law reviews would like their journals to be ‘printed’ into HeinOnline, no paper copies – this may happen
microfilms are not being used – this info is now available on electronic databases
  this would free up approx. 1600 square feet of space
group study rooms?
  currently available
    • atrium
    • Drapkin
does this space need to be in the library?
group study spaces have been commandeered for faculty offices at other law schools
no pretty spaces
  • expansion of reading room could help

Pegasus redesign
  designed to be easier for proxy (off-site) services
  pin services
    • University is coming up with a new ID card system that will eliminate the need to use SS numbers for logons

Constant complaint
food and drink in the library
  concerns about vermin
  McKeever has a response to this query
  if third floor reading room were stripped of books, then we could consider it
email reference work?
  the reference help is designed to teach, email responses would eliminate this

Committee members questions:
  Concern that students don’t know that reference librarians are accessible
  library tours?
  library classes are working towards a uniform syllabus
  how do plans for the library develop?
    student concerns
    faculty concerns
    other libraries
  feedback from students?
    direct emails
    social events
  surveys?
    Kavros surveys 3L survey
    Library does a survey at the end of the 2Ls – low response rate
    Jody Armstrong will coordinate with Dan Shin on the survey
  longer open hours?
Faculty IT committee update (Andrew):

- redoing website –
  - web consultant coming in at end of Nov. – more updates to come
    - in charge of all the websites? (lawnet, CLS, courseweb)
  - unclear who maintains the website
- access to IT in classrooms
  - faculty are seriously considering shutting off internet access in classrooms
- video podcasting
  - concern about how much would be recorded
- faculty seemed knowledgeable and receptive to student concerns
  - next faculty meeting is Dec. 5th – gather concerns by then

Our next meeting:
Monday, 20th – 4:10pm in JG 722