

BFC Libraries Committee

Minutes

September 14, 2018

Attendees: Nicolas Valazza (chair), Phil Ford, Ivan Kreilkamp, Robert Montoya, Claire Nisonger, Mariam Mundle (undergraduate student representative), Rick Brewer (graduate student representative)

Guest: Jamie Wittenberg, Head of Scholarly Communication

Meeting began at 3:00 pm.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Report on the implementation of the Open Access Policy

Jamie Wittenberg (Head of Scholarly Communication) gave a report on the implementation of the Open Access Policy, a year and a half after it was adopted by the Bloomington Faculty Council in February 2017. Following the Digital Measures Activity Insight (Annual Report) that all faculty members at IU have completed in January 2018, the bibliographic information of approximately 1,500 publications was gathered, of which there were less than 100 opt-outs, a surprising low number that indicates the general acceptance of the policy by the faculty. The next step will be to contact by e-mail the authors of the publications in order to collect the versions that will be deposited in the IUScholarWork repository. Jamie Wittenberg acknowledges that there is still some confusion among the faculty about the general purpose of the Open Access Policy, and that the communication should be improved.

3. Relocation of the Kinsey collection

There is great concern, among faculty members and students, about the integrity and accessibility of the Kinsey collection (approximately 40,000 volumes), which was moved to the Auxiliary Library Facility over the summer in conditions that were far from ideal (lack of time, lack of qualified staff, etc.), so that there are fears that volumes may have been damaged or misplaced. In general, many faculty members are worried about the situation at the Kinsey Institute, following the publication of the article "[Desexing the Kinsey Institute](#)" in the *New York Review of Books* on March 20, 2018. Several faculty members have complained about a lack of access to the collection, a lack of responsiveness of the staff, a lack of transparency, a lack of space for exhibitions and, in fact, the disappearance of exhibitions in the last years. Rick Van Kooten, Vice Provost for Research, has agreed to join our next meeting, on November 9, to discuss these issues. The Committee has decided to draft a statement of concern to share with the Vice Provost, and possibly with the BFC Executive Committee, before the meeting.

4. Next meeting: Friday, November 9, 3:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.