

## Library Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** William Anderson, Robert Fleming, Konstantina Georgaki, Michele Goldsmith, Tim Jozwick, Cher Knight, Steven Lewis, Erica Schattle (minutes), Mako Yoshikawa

### 1. Discussion of the Faculty Assembly Motion Regarding Amazon.com

- Bob Fleming reported back about the Fenway Libraries Online (FLO) decision-making process for including the Amazon.com links and alternatives that were considered. The process started during fall 2006 and involved several FLO subcommittees and the FLO board of directors.
- Concerns about Library Catalog links to a commercial enterprise have not been raised at other FLO schools.
- Discussion about the role of the Library Committee as an advisory board, with decision-making authority residing with the Library Director.
- Discussion about attaching a strong recommendation to the report requested by Faculty Assembly
- Discussion about making student-driven decisions.
- Discussion about the lack of a perfect alternative paradigm and acknowledgement of dissent regarding this issue.
- Bob will draft a report for Faculty Assembly that includes the decision-making timeline, acceptance at other FLO schools, and usage statistics.
- Bill Anderson will draft a motion responding to the charge of the previous Faculty Assembly motion.

### 2. Mixed Realities Exhibit

- The Mixed Realities at the Huret & Spector Gallery features online components from Turbulence.org, and Ars Virtua (Second Life). Professors are encouraged to bring classes in to visit the exhibition.

### 3. Ebrary Demonstration

- Ebrary is a collection of online books with a suite of tools designed to aid research and citation.
- The Library has set up a trial that runs through March 4, 2008. Access on-campus via <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/emerson>
- Features include highlighting, note-taking, a personalized bookshelf, and automatic creation of citations in several formats.
- Discussion of how ebooks may be used differently than printed books and the research habits of students.
- Committee members are encouraged to share information about this database trial with their colleagues.

### 4. READ Poster

- The next READ poster will feature Cher Knight of VMA.