

*Resolution Honoring Richard Fyffe  
Samuel R. and Marie-Louise Rosenthal Librarian of Grinnell College  
Annual Meeting of Oberlin Group Library Directors  
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*Whereas Richard Fyffe's clear and cogent voice, and thoughtful presence will be missed in professional discussions and,*

*Whereas we will always remember his warm, self-effacing manner and deep reflection in all personal and professional interactions as well as treasure his quiet but penetrating sense of humor and,*

*Whereas Richard always combines a large vision with careful attention to the local, the personal, and the emotional dimensions of life and,*

*Whereas Richard is the kindest and most thoughtful contrarian we've ever known, asking questions that cause us to view problems in new ways and pose queries in a manner that makes everybody feel good about the discussion at hand and,*

*Whereas Richard engaged in inspiring work that has served as a model of intelligence and excellence for many in the profession and,*

*Whereas Richard has served meritoriously in positions of leadership within the Oberlin Group, and,*

*Whereas Richard brought in-depth knowledge of liberal arts education and librarianship, and,*

*Whereas Richard served on the original Coordinating Committee and drafted by-laws for the Oberlin Group organization and,*

*Whereas Richard continually championed the place of the liberal arts within the academic tradition and,*

*Whereas others also recognized Richard's outstanding work at Grinnell including the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in 2011 and,*

*Whereas Richard's work with the Center for Research Libraries helped advance access to special and primary research materials for many liberal arts colleges within the Oberlin Group and,*

*Whereas Richard was instrumental in developing the Liberal Arts Scholarly Repository (LASR) in order to provide access to digital scholarship in a consortial environment and,*

*Whereas Richard has personified the Oberlin Group spirit of collaboration and mutual respect, and,*

*Whereas Richard has set a model of scholarship and collegiality that will be difficult to follow and,*

*Whereas it has been a privilege and an honor to work with Richard, therefore be it*

*Resolved that the Oberlin Group recognizes Richard Fyffe's extraordinary intellectual, emotional, and personal commitment to the group's success and sincerely thanks him for his dedication to the Oberlin Group and those we serve, and*

*Resolved further that the Oberlin Group will miss his too numerous to mention accomplishments as well as knowledge, skills, and wisdom and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the profession of librarianship,*

*Resolved further that in recognition of his many contributions a gift in his honor from colleagues in the Oberlin Group of Libraries is being made to the ALS Association.*