

Library Committee Minutes

March 1, 2006

Approved April 5, 2006

Present: Sr. Rita Basta, Sue Curzon, Marianne Afifi, Kathy Dabbour, Ali Tabidian, Elizabeth Sellers, Dat-dao Nguyen, Jay Christensen, Rick Mitchell, Rick Covington, Dino Vrongistinos, Mary Woodley, Peter Prager

Guest: Provost Harry Hellenbrand

1. Provost Harry Hellenbrand's Presentation

Provost Hellenbrand led a discussion of University and Library associated issues:

- The upcoming CSU doctoral degrees and the associated 1.25 FTES counted per grad student will impact academic resources, the Library being one of them.
- We will need to monitor the impact of Learning Management Systems and how they integrate with academic programs and the Library.
- The University needs to increase the amount of research funds it receives and allocates. There should be a way to incorporate Library support needs into grant applications.
- He is aware that inflation continues to limit the Library's purchasing power. He will take this into account as he plans future budget allocations. However, the University community must decide what its priorities are as the demands on the budget continue to increase.
- When a college proposes a new program it should keep in mind that the Library will need additional funding so it can support the new program with needed resources.
- The campus is in the middle of reorganizing ITR with the hiring of a CIO that will report to the President and work with the VP's, and the establishment of advisory committees to assist with ongoing planning. Both the Library and Extended Learning should be included on these advisory committees. IT will be centralized to a point, but colleges will maintain their own IT efforts as long as they don't duplicate ITR's mission.
- It might be a good idea to bring additional "student help" resources into the Library, such as advisement and A&R, since this is where so many of these types of questions are asked. He requested the Library to begin logging the numbers and types of non-library questions students are asking.

2. Approval of Minutes

The November 3, 2005 minutes were approved as amended.

3. Dean's Report

- Sue introduced the Library's new Associate Dean: Marianne Afifi. Marianne started last October and comes to us from USC.
- The Friends of the Oviatt Library's latest newsletter was distributed and discussed.
- The famous ceramic artist, Florence Ferman, recently donated a number of her pieces to the Library. An exhibition displaying some of her work is currently housed in the Library's Tseng Gallery, 2nd floor, West Wing. It runs through March 25 and is open to everyone. A successful reception honoring the artist and the exhibition was held on February 26th.

- Last October the Library held an event featuring the "Map that Named America: the Waldseemüller Map". As part of that event, a life-size replica of the original map was created and presented to the Library for permanent display. On March 2nd, at noon on the second floor of the Oviatt, near Room 222, a ceremony will be held to commemorate its formal acceptance and display by the Library. The German American Cultural Society will present a check to the Library for the framing and mounting of the map, and a plaque will be placed acknowledging the map as a gift to the students of CSUN from the German American Cultural Society.
- Our campus will be coming up for WASC re-accreditation in the near future. Sue distributed the WASC Standards document to the committee. The portions in the document applicable to the Library are marked with an asterisk. Cynthia Rawitch, who is spearheading the campus' WASC re-accreditation effort, will be coming to speak about WASC at our April 5th meeting.
- Library staff member Bruce McDonald is putting together an exhibit of Scottish life which will be displayed in the Library's lobby. Bruce will mark the April 6th opening on National Tartan Day with a variety of Scottish entertainment beginning at noon. Everyone is invited to the festivities.