

Library Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2004

Approved November 3, 2004

Present: Sr. Rita Basta (Chair), Dean Susan Curzon, Anthony Dawahare, Elizabeth Sellers, Jay Christensen, Yifei Sun, Kathy Dabbour, Ali Tabidian, Kristina Zvinakis, Dino Vrongistinos, Joni Surette, Carolyn Caselli, Jeffrey Wiegley

Excused: Carmaña Villamizar, Wendy Murawski

Guests: Peter Prager (Committee Secretary), Associate Dean Susan Parker

Chair Sister Rita Basta:

1. Sr. Rita welcomed new member Anthony Dawahare (College of Humanities). Anthony will be filling in for Rick Mitchell for the rest of the semester.
2. The committee's September 1, 2004 Minutes were approved as is.

Committee Business:

1. Elizabeth Sellers gave an update on her subcommittee's efforts to conduct a survey on students' attitudes towards, and understanding of, the "Scholarship of Learning". She asked that all committee members have their students take the survey, which is almost ready. This was agreed to. Survey responses will be tabulated using "Flashlight" online software and the results will be discussed and evaluated by the Library Committee. The results will also be passed on to the President and Provost for use with the Learning Centered University initiative.
2. Jeff Wiegley discussed his subcommittee plans to explore whether or not there is a better way to publish scholarly articles and journals so that they are available to a wider audience at a more affordable price. He will meet with the other members of his subcommittee and will report back suggested topics and directions at the next meeting. Kristina Zvinakis said she would distribute a recent article that she read on this topic.

Dean Curzon:

1. The Library's "Cultura y Comunidad: The Legacy of Latino Leadership in California" exhibit successfully opened on September 7 in the Oviatt's C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery. The exhibit's opening reception was on September 14, also in the Tseng Gallery. 150 people attended. A lecture and discussion of the exhibition took place in the Library's Presentation Room on September 15, with standing room only attendance.
2. On September 21, librarians and faculty presented selected readings from children's books that over the years have been banned or challenged. The event was held in conjunction with the

Library's Banned Books Week exhibition, "Well I'll be Banned: A celebration of the Freedom to Read". The readings were given in the Library's Presentation Room. Over 150 people attended. The event was organized by Librarian Kimberly Embleton and English Professor Joseph Thomas.

3. The next Library exhibition will be "The Treasures of the Oviatt", running from November 10, 2004 - March 31, 2005 in the C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery. It will feature rare items from Oviatt Library's Collection. The opening reception will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, 2004 in the Gallery. Everyone is invited.

4. The next Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be on November 16, 9am – 3pm, in the Oviatt Lobby.

5. Jeff Wiegley of the Library Committee was awarded a Tseng Research Grant. Congratulations Jeff. He will build and install TV cameras aimed at the Tseng Collection pieces that are controllable by viewers on the web.

6. Due to the current budget crises, the Library has absorbed budget cuts for FY 2004-2005. There may be additional mid-year cuts coming. For FY 2005-2006, the Library must submit a suggested list of permanent cuts to the Provost. The total cut for these 2 years will be about \$422,000. Dean Curzon will soon share with the committee the impact these cuts will have on services and collections.

7. Dean Curzon led a discussion on Information Literacy/Competency, which is how to find, evaluate and use information successfully. The Library trains over 22,000 students a year in this area and has been in the forefront of having IL/IC integrated into the University's curriculum. She distributed a copy of the Association of College & Research Libraries' (ACRL) IL/IC standards and showed a videotape on the topic.