

Library Committee Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2004

Approved September 1, 2004

Present: Sr. Rita Basta (Chair), Rick Mitchell, Elizabeth Sellers, Laura Miller, Jay Christensen, Yifei Sun, Kathy Dabbour, Jeffrey Wiegley, Carmiña Villamizar, Wendy Murawski, Ali Tabidian

Excused: Dennis Halcoussis, Beth Simpson, Dean Susan Curzon,

Guests: Peter Prager (Committee Secretary), Associate Dean Susan Parker, Joni Surette, Carolyn Caselli

Chair Sister Rita:

1. Sister Rita was re-elected chair for FY 2004-2005. Since Sr. Rita already attends Faculty Senate Meetings as a member of the Senate Executive Committee, Jay Christensen was selected to go for the Library Committee.
2. The March 3, 2004 minutes were approved as is.
3. The Library has instituted a new drink policy that prohibits all drinks in the Library except bottled water and drinks in the Library's spill-proof "Think Drink" mugs. The mugs can be purchased at all campus areas selling drinks.
4. The President has agreed to hold the Library Collection Development Budget harmless during FY 2004-2005. Sr. Rita suggested that the committee send a thank you letter to the President. Discussion followed about what the letter should say. (There was additional discussion on how budget restrictions in general might affect the Library and its collection efforts.) She will work with Dean Curzon and Peter Prager to draft a letter based on committee suggestions that will be sent to President Koester.
5. Sr. Rita reported on the March 19th campus meeting that discussed the Learning Centered University Initiative. The meeting featured speeches by President Koester and Dr. William Plater, and a panel discussion led by Provost Bain and Vice President Piper.

Associate Dean Susan Parker (for Dean Curzon):

1. Chicano comedic theatre troupe, Culture Clash (Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas, and Herbert Sigüenza), donated their collection of drafts of scripts, playbills, original art work, and other items to the Oviatt Library. Highlights from the collection that span their 20-year history will be displayed in an exhibition running from May 5 to June 30 in the Oviatt Library lobby. Under the auspices of the Library's five-year \$1.6 million Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Grant the Culture Clash Collection is being inventoried, processed, and preserved to make it available to

students, faculty, and the community for research purposes. The collection, parts of which will be included in the Library's Latino Cultural Heritage Digital Archives, will be open to research in the next year.

2. The Friends of the Library sponsored a book signing by author Lisa See on May 4, 2004.

3. There will be a study room dedication ceremony honoring Homer and Millicent Halverson on May 12, 2004 at 7pm. The ceremony will take place at the Graduate Study Room space near the Presentation Room. Everyone is welcome.

4. An exhibit of more than 100 Chinese antiquities opened in the Library's Exhibition area (renamed the C.K. & Teresa Tseng Gallery) on April 22. The exhibit opening and dinner was attended by invited guests, including President Koester and other dignitaries. The exhibit consists of various antiquities that have been gifted to Cal State Northridge by Roland Tseng and his family, along with many more objects on loan from the family's personal collection. On display are archaic jade, ancient bronze and other objects spanning more than 6,000 years of Chinese history. The exhibit opened to the public on April 23, and will continue until August 27.

5. The April 20th Friends Book sale earned \$491 for the Library's collection.

Elizabeth Sellers, Rick Mitchell, Jay Christensen:

The committee has been discussing surveying students in their classes on their views of "scholarship" and their methods of learning. They led a discussion about what questions to ask on a scantron and what to do with the results. Yifei Sun volunteered to create a web site if that would be helpful. The committee will further discuss the proposal in the fall.

Jeff Wiegley:

He will meet with Doris Helfer, Mary Woodley, Laura Miller and Joni Surette to discuss faculty publication issues and ways to make journals and articles available to Library's and faculty at a reasonable price. His committee will report back in the fall.

Sr. Rita and Associate Dean Parker:

They thanked the committee for their work this year and acknowledged those members retiring from the committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Members were given a tour of the Tseng Chinese Antiquities Exhibit.