

Library Committee Meeting

March 3, 2004

Approved May 5, 2004

Present: Sr. Rita Basta (Chair), Dean Susan Curzon, Rick Mitchell, Elizabeth Sellers, Laura Miller, Jay Christensen, Yifei Sun, Kathy Dabbour, Jeffrey Wiegley, Beth Simpson, Carmiña Villamizar

Excused: Dennis Halcoussis, Wendy Murawski, Ali Tabidian

Guests: Peter Prager (Committee Secretary), Associate Dean Susan Parker, Mary Woodley, Doris Helfer

Chair Sister Rita:

1. Sister Rita introduced the new committee member from HHD: Beth Simpson/Physical Therapy. Beth replaced Craig Finney who resigned. Sister Rita read Craig Finney's letter of resignation and appreciation.
2. The February 4, 2004 minutes were approved as amended.
3. Due to the Spring Break, there will be no meeting in April. The next committee meeting will be May 5.
4. Sister Rita distributed President Koester's letter to the campus about her Learning Centered University Initiative and an invitation to hear Dr. William Plater speak on the subject on March 19.

Dean Curzon:

1. Dean Curzon introduced Associate Dean Susan Parker who updated the committee on renovation of the 2nd floor west wing exhibition area. Renovation will be completed before the April 21 opening of the Tseng Chinese Antiquities Exhibition.
2. The recent Sharon Fogarty Young Readers' Collection Exhibition opening was a great success, with over 120 people attending. Sharon Fogarty's family recently donated \$50,000 to the Library in Sharon's honor to endow the children's literature collection.
3. A talk and book signing by author Tony Arthur ("Literary Feuds") is coming on March 9. Everyone is invited.
4. The latest used book sale and book sales at the Friends Book Store in February has netted the Library approximately \$1,000 for the Collection.

5. Dean Curzon introduced Technical Services Chair, Doris Helfer and Collection Coordinator Mary Woodley. Sue, Doris and Mary presented a historical background on journal purchasing by the Library and led a discussion of future purchasing trends. They also led a discussion on how skyrocketing journal pricing is leading scholars to look at publishing alternatives that allows their peers and libraries affordable access to information. The committee also discussed how, in general, professors and universities can take back control of their intellectual property through their libraries? Jeff Wiegley, Laura Miller and Doris Helfer agreed to summarize the various issues and questions and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Elizabeth Sellers, Jay Christensen and Rick Mitchell led a further discussion on how the committee might further a philosophy of scholarship for our students. It was proposed that a questionnaire be put together to find out what students think about "scholarship" and what factors influence their ability to succeed scholastically. Elizabeth, Jay and Rick will develop a draft questionnaire for the next meeting.