

Library Committee Meeting

December 3, 2003

Approved February 4, 2004

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

Excused: Carmiña Villamizar, Craig Finney

Guests: Peter Prager (Committee Secretary), Associate Dean Susan Parker, Felicia Cousin, Mary Woodley

Chair Sister Rita:

1. The committee minutes from November 5, 2003 were approved as presented.
2. Peter Prager will continue to send the members Library updates as noteworthy events occur. Sr. Rita reminded the committee to please pass on this information to their colleagues.

Dean Susan Curzon:

1. The "Charles Dickens Dinner" honoring Dr. Harry Stone for bequeathing his Charles Dickens Collection to the Library was a great success. 139 people attended. An exhibition of a portion of Dr. Stone's Collection is currently on display in the Library.
2. The Library is working with the Corporation to sell spill-proof, "Think Drink" mugs in the Book Store for use in the Library. She showed some samples to the committee.
3. The Friends of the Library recently sponsored a talk by LA Times columnist Chris Erskine. It was a very successful event.
4. Our next exhibition will feature children's literature in honor of the Sharon Fogarty Young Readers Endowment to the Library. The exhibition will begin in mid February, 2004.
5. The Research and Grants Committee has agreed to be the steward of the \$50,000 Roland Tseng research dollars for 2004-05. The research projects must be related to the Chinese antiquities recently donated by Mr. Tseng to the University. All CSUN faculty are eligible to apply.
6. The Library is considering a campaign to raise student awareness of the Library as a quiet place for thought and study. Students themselves often complain about the noise, cell phone use and eating/drinking in the Library. She asked the committee to consider ways to meet these objectives for the next meeting.

Susan Parker:

1. Reconstruction and upgrading of the 2nd floor, West Wing will begin shortly. This area houses Special Collections & Archives and is the exhibition area. During reconstruction, the Special Collections office and reading room will move to Oviatt 314.

Felicia Cousin:

1. Dean Curzon introduced Felicia Cousin who heads the Library's InterLibrary Loan service. Felicia led a discussion (including an online demo) of ILL's services, policies, procedures, online forms, fees and turn around times. She reminded the members that lending institutions no longer allow ILL renewals.