

# **Library Committee Meeting**

**November 5, 2003**

**Approved December 3, 2003**

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

**Excused/Absent: Kathy Dabbour, Craig Finney, Dennis Halcoussis, Jeffrey Wiegley**

**Guests: Peter Prager (Committee Secretary), Associate Dean Susan Parker, Jina Choi Wakimoto, Mary Woodley**

## **Chair Sister Rita:**

1. The committee minutes from October 1, 2003 were approved as presented.
2. At the last meeting, committee members were asked to survey their students about how they felt about the Library. Sister Rita invited committee members to report on the results of their survey. Sister Rita asked committee members to think about the results for discussion at the next meeting.

## **Dean Susan Curzon:**

1. On Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at 7:00 pm, the Friends of the Oviatt Library will host a lecture and book signing by L.A. Times "Man of the House" columnist Chris Erskine. The event will be held in the Oviatt's Presentation Room and will feature Chris' new book "Surviving Suburbia". Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.
2. An exhibition of Charles Dickens related materials is currently on display in the Library. The items are from the collection of Dr. Harry Stone who will bequeath his collection to us. Dr. Stone's Dickens collection is one of the top four in the world. On Friday evening, November 26, the Library will be hosting a traditional Charles Dickens dinner in honor of Dr. Stone and his gift. Everyone is invited.
3. The Library is instituting a new policy that only CSUN students, faculty and staff will be able to use the Library's Collaboratory computer lab due to the Collaboratory's heavy usage. Computers in the Reference Area and Labs A, B and C will still be available to everyone. Consultation with various University groups occurred before a final decision was made.
4. The next Friends of the Library used book sale will be November 18, from 9-4 in the Library lobby.
5. The Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, west wing will be remodeled in order to properly house and exhibit the Tseng Chinese Antiquities Gift. This will also benefit all other Library exhibitions. Construction will start December 1 and continue until the end of January 2004. During construction the

Special Collections Reading Room will move to Room 314. Also, we are working with the Faculty Research & Grants Committee to steward \$50,000 in faculty grants to research topics related to the Tseng gift.

6. The Library and Extended Learning are designing an Information Management Program offering two masters degrees and a credential. The program will have a cross-disciplinary approach, with faculty from other departments being invited to teach. We began the approval process at a recent Graduate Studies Committee meeting.

7. She distributed and discussed a recent statement by Bob Cherney, Chair of the CSU Academic Senate, about libraries, FTES and faculty workloads.

8. Dean Curzon introduced Jina Choi Wakimoto, Cataloging Coordinator and Librarian. Jina demonstrated and discussed SFX, a software program that provides direct links from library databases to related online services, such as full-text and catalog holdings information, if available.