

Library Committee Meeting

September 3, 2003

Approved October 1, 2003

Present: Sr. Rita Basta (Chair), Dean Susan Curzon, Rick Mitchell, Ali Tabidian, Jay Christensen, Craig Finney, Dennis Halcoussis, Elizabeth Sellers, Wendy Murawski, Jeffrey Wiegley, Laura Miller, Carmaña Villamizar

Guest: Peter Prager (Committee Secretary), Associate Dean Susan Parker, Mary Woodley, Antonio Calvo

Excused/Absent: Kathy Dabbour, Yifei Sun

Chair Sister Rita:

1. Sr. Rita welcomed everyone to the committee for Academic Year 203-2004. Each member introduced themselves.
2. The May 7, 2003 minutes were approved as is.
3. The Library Committee Annual Report for Academic Year 2002-2003 was approved as is.
4. Peter Prager, Committee Secretary, distributed informational documents about the committee and answered questions about them.
5. Sr. Rita asked the members for committee goals and discussion topics for the upcoming year. Following are the main ideas proffered by the members:
 - a. find additional ways of letting the campus community know about what services and resources the Library has to offer and how to find and use them
 - b. keeping the current budget crises in mind, which areas of the Library Collection need additional resources
 - c. how to get students to use the Library more often
 - d. what is the future direction of the Library
 - e. how to increase two-way communication between the Library and the faculty to discuss needs and wishes

Dean Curzon:

1. The Friends of the Library exhibition *Sketches of Haiti: The Dolores Yonkers Collection* opened September 2 and will run through September 26. The exhibition features original art, artifacts, sketchbooks and books on Vodun (Voodoo) and the folklore of Haiti. The opening reception will be held on September 17 at 6 p.m. in the Library's 2nd floor, west wing exhibition area. Everyone is invited.
2. On October 4 the Friends of the Library, the Friends of the Botanic Garden, the Donald E. Bianchi Planetarium Society, and the CSUN Alumni Association will sponsor *Under Autumn Skies: Plants Planets and Picnic*. Food, tours of the Botanic Gardens, a Planetarium show, and telescope viewing will be available. Everyone is invited.

3. There will be a Friends of the Library Used Book Sale on September 23 in the Oviatt Library's lobby from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
4. The Library is working with ITR to have wireless Internet connectivity available in all public Library areas. The Library will also make 20 wireless-capable laptops available for checkout to students in the Collaboratory when the wireless project is complete.
5. All faculty all welcome to arrange for a class on how to use Library resources for their students. Contact your bibliographer to set up a time.
6. Dean Curzon introduced Librarian Antonio Calvo who gave a demonstration of the Library's new eReserve system. Faculty can now have class reserve materials digitized and made available online to their students.

Committee members adjourned for a tour of the Library's Automated Storage and Retrieval System (AS/RS).

The next meeting will be October 1, 2003.