

Library Committee Minutes

February 5, 2003

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Present: Sr. Rita Basta (Chair), Charles Hatfield, Tracy Bachman, Tae Oh, Wendy Murawski, Craig Finney, Dennis Halcoussis, Elizabeth Sellers, Susan Curzon, Carmiña Villamizar, Caroline Russom

Guests: Susan Parker, Peter Prager, Snowdy Dodson, Cindy Ventuleth

Committee Items:

1. Sr. Rita introduced Dr. Tae Oh from Chemistry. He is replacing Dr. Cheryl Hogue as the representative from the College of Science & Math.
2. The committee adopted the December 4, 2002 minutes as presented.
3. Sr. Rita announced that, after the meeting, there will be a tour of the Library's Fine Arts, Reserve Book Room and Media Library area.
4. Members reviewed and discussed the final draft version of the committee's resolution in support of increasing permanent general funding for Library Collection Development. The committee also discussed to whom the resolution should be given. It was unanimously decided that all members would sign the resolution, that it be given to the President and the Provost, and that the Senate Executive Committee be given a copy for informational purposes only.
5. Sister Rita distributed a list of the topics that the committee decided to focus on during this academic year. She mentioned that we have worked on the focus topic "Becoming Effective Liaisons to Our Colleges". We will be discussing two other focus topics during the upcoming meetings: the "Library Strategic Plan" and "Improving Student Research Skills".
6. Sr. Rita reminded members that there will be Faculty Governance Focus Groups on February 27 and March 25 for Faculty Senate Standings Committee members. She encouraged all committee members to attend.

Deans Report:

1. Dean Curzon reported that the Library's new online catalog is up and running. It offers many new features and is easy to use. Committee members reported that they had used it and were very favorably impressed.
2. The Library's next exhibition, "Polar Exploration and Scientific Expeditions", will run from February 3 through April 11, 2003. It is located on the Oviatt's second floor, west wing and features books, papers, photographs and artifacts from the Arnold Court Collection. Dr. Court

was a professor in the CSUN Geography Department and traveled with Admiral Byrd's 1939-1941 Little America Expedition to the Antarctic. An opening reception will be held on March 12 at 6p.m., featuring a presentation and slide show "Diving Under Antarctic Ice" by Peter Brueggman, Director, Scripps Institute of Oceanography Library, UCSD. Everyone is invited.

3. Dean Curzon introduced Cindy Ventuleth, Library Director of Development, who presented an update on the Library's development program. At the 6 month mark of this fiscal year, the Library has raised over \$200,000, which is 57% of our goal. We continue working with potential donors and the Friends of the Library to bring in grants, endowments and gifts. We also have naming opportunities for areas of the Library. Two graduate study rooms are being named over the next few weeks. One is for Tom Reilly (the late journalism professor) on February 26th at 5:00 pm; and the other is for Marge Feinberg (the wife of Library supporter Milton Feinberg) on March 18th at 5:00 pm.

4. Peter Prager announced that the Library recently received a Grace Petrie Grant of \$15,400 to buy Library materials and a large screen monitor that would benefit patrons with disabilities. Peter Prager asked the members to notify their bibliographers if there was anything in particular they'd like purchased, as long as it is within the guidelines of the Grant. Materials that could be purchased included books, books-on-tape, CD's and close-captioned DVD's.