

Library Committee Minutes

November 6, 2002

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Present: Chair Sr. Rita Basta, Dean Susan Curzon, Elizabeth Sellers, Craig Finney, David Schwartz, Charles Hatfield, Yifei Sun, Dennis Halcoussis, Wendy Murawski, Brenda Timmerman, Carmiña Villamizar, Cheryl Hogue

Guests: Associate Dean Susan Parker, Committee Secretary Peter Prager

Chair Sr. Rita Basta:

1. The draft October 2nd minutes were approved as amended.
2. Chair Basta asked David Schwartz to give a presentation on how his college linked to Library Resources through their homepage, and Charles Hatfield to compile a list of Library instructional resources and contacts for the next meeting. Additionally, since many committee members have requested feedback and questions about the Library from their colleagues, she would also like to discuss any issues raised by the faculty at the next meeting.

Dean Susan Curzon:

1. The Old China Hands Exhibit opening conference, held October 4th and 5th, was a great success. Around 300 people attended. There was a lot of positive feedback and the conference generated more donations. The Voice of America has done a show about the Old China Hands and its curator, Dr. Robert Gohstand.
2. We often assist colleges with their accreditation reviews. We just assisted the College of Engineering and Computer Science with their ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) review. Next up is the College of Education, which will occur during the next few weeks.
3. The Library co-sponsored a lecture and book signing on October 27 by Kevin Roderick, author of **The San Fernando Valley America's Suburb**.
4. The October 29 Friends of the Library Book Sale earned around \$800 for the Library collection.
5. Dean Curzon reviewed the Library General Fund and Lottery Funds allocations for FY 2002-2003:

We spend about \$1,400,000 in General Fund (GF) monies each year on collection development. Of this, \$1,000,000 goes toward ongoing items like periodicals, serials and online databases. Each year the price of periodicals inflate 9%; books 5-6%. We need a permanent adjustment to cover inflation, especially on the items requiring ongoing fiscal commitment, just to maintain what we currently have. Otherwise we will have to make cuts. Also, the demands on our collection have increased dramatically brought on by the tremendous increase in the student population, coupled with the growth in new faculty hires needing more research materials to complete their Retention & Tenure Process. Lottery funds (this year totaling \$372,000), while appreciated and helpful, can only be used for one-time acquisitions as they are not constant.

Discussion followed. It was suggested that the Committee draft a resolution for Faculty Senate consideration supporting an increase in the Library's permanent base budget as essential to improving the University's graduation rate and ensuring the continued success of campus educational programs. This resolution would be presented to the President and Provost for their consideration during upcoming budgetary deliberations.

Chair Basta asked Peter Prager to prepare a draft resolution for the committee to debate at the next meeting. Charles Hatfield offered to help.

6. The University's draft Graduation Rate Task Force Report was discussed, in particular how the Library might contribute to improving the graduation rate. A number of ideas were brought forward primarily focusing on increasing the Library's baseline budget, incorporating information competence (IC) more fully into the curriculum, and increasing information competence outreach and update programs for the faculty.

Chair Basta asked Dean Curzon and Peter Prager to prepare a document incorporating the committee's suggestions and submit it to the Graduation Rate Task Force.

Meeting Adjourned. The next meeting will be On December 4th at 2 p.m.