

# **Library Committee Meeting**

**September 11, 2002  
Approved October 2, 2002**

**Present: Sr. Rita Basta (Chair), Susan Curzon, Charles Hatfield, Cheryl Hogue, Brenda Timmerman, Caroline Russom, Elizabeth Sellers, Yifei Sun, Wendy Murawski, David Schwartz, Tracy Backman, Carmaña Villamizar, Craig Finney**

**Guests: Susan Parker, Peter Prager, Snowdy Dodson, Mary Woodley, Antonio Calvo, Robert Gohstand**

## **Chair's Report**

1. Sr. Rita introduced herself as the new committee chair. Each committee member introduced her/himself to the members.
2. The May 1, 2002 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. The committee's 2001-2002 Year-end Report, written by former chair Tamarah Ashton, was approved as submitted.

## **Dean's Report**

1. Dean Curzon introduced Antonio Calvo, the Library's new Fine Arts librarian, to the committee.
2. Dean Curzon introduced Dr. Robert Gohstand, Emeritus Professor of Geography, to speak about the upcoming opening of the Old China Hands Archives and exhibition. Old China Hands are people from other cultures who lived in China from the mid-1800's to the mid-1900's. Dr. Gohstand is one of them having lived in Shanghai. In conjunction with the Library he is putting together an archival collection of photos, document, maps, books, personal artifacts, etc. from this era and group of people. On October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the opening of the archive will be celebrated with a gathering of "Old China Hands" including an ongoing exhibition, lectures, discussions, and various festivities.
3. Dean Curzon introduced librarian Snowdy Dodson, Coordinator of Collection Development and librarian Mary Woodley, who will take over those duties in the summer, 2003. Snowdy and Mary reviewed some of the their Collection Development goals, including factors involved in purchasing monographs and how money is allocated by discipline per a formula. They discussed possible changes to the formula later next year, General Fund and Lottery allocations to the Collection, Hispanic Serving Institutions Grant money, and the review of electronic databases and journals to remove duplications and save money. They also encouraged the committee members, as well as all campus faculty, to give their purchase requests to their discipline bibliographer.

4. The Library has distributed the new versions of the Faculty and Students Guides to the Library.
5. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a used book sale on September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Oviatt lobby.
6. The Friends Book Store is open M-F, 10am-2pm in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, west wing.
7. The Library sponsored a New Faculty Reception on August 21<sup>st</sup>. It was very well attended.
8. Caroline Russom helped organize a Library Orientation Program for campus staff members. Fifty to sixty people attended. We hope to do it again in the near future.
9. Dr, Milton Feinberg has donated \$10,000 to the Library in honor of his wife. The money will be used to purchase books about nature, hiking, the wilderness, etc.
10. Professor Ron Purcell has moved his International Guitar Research Archives to the Library. We will be working with Dr. Purcell to continue to make his collection accessible.
11. Dean Curzon has been appointed to the Substantive Change Committee of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC is the accrediting agency for all universities in the western region. Her committee reviews all program changes requested by universities and, in turn, makes recommendations to the Senior Commission of WASC.

New Business:

1. The Chair led a discussion about what issues the committee would like to address this year. The following topics were suggested:
  - a. How do we get more students to use the Library?
  - b. How do we become better liaisons and advocates to their colleges concerning Library issues?
  - c. How do we get more student input into the Library's decision making process?
  - d. What is the Library's future vision in regards to its print and electronic collection and how can the committee advise the Library in these matters?
  - e. What security issues does the Library face, e.g. the affect of USA Patriot Act on us?
  - f. What are the publishing trends for scholarly journals? How will rising costs affect these publications? Will print versions vanish and become part of electronic/online collections?
2. The chair also distributed a document listing and describing in brief various Library Services. She asked the committee members to consider if they'd like a fuller description / demo of any of the services at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned.