

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 26, 1996

Present: J. Cochren, C. Scott, L. Hite, J. Violette, H. Oloomi, D. Oberstar, S. Sarratore, J. Knight

Chair J. Cochren called the meeting to order and the minutes of January's meeting were approved.

The "responsibility" and "purpose and goals" sections of the Collection Development Policy were the first topics of discussion. C. Scott suggested several grammatical changes. They were all accepted and endorsed as amended.

C. Scott asked if the library receives any public comment in regards to certain sexual, scientific, or other controversial materials. J. Violette stated that she could remember only one time library materials were challenged. They answered the complaint by stating that since we are an academic library we collect all aspects of a controversial topic.

J. Violette suggested to the committee that if they would like to preview the rest of the Collection Development Policy they should look at the Library's web page under Collection Development (<http://www-lib.ipfw.indiana.edu>). Otherwise, the committee will receive several additional sections of the policy after the librarians have reviewed them.

The next topic of discussion was the budget. J. Violette asked for suggestions or strategies in regards to improving the Library's materials budget. The fund drive to add to the library's endowment will only give the library an additional \$60,000 per year. J. Cochren asked J. Violette how much of an increase the library has received over the years. The budget has been flat in five of the past ten years, but this year the library received a 4% increase. J. Violette added that the endowment now is covering all of the increases in serials. J. Violette said that with new degrees being added and no additional funds, the Library's budget is spread more thinly each year.

H. Oloomi asked if the library will accept examination copies of books. J. Violette said that the Library will accept them but that in most cases these are textbooks and in general textbooks are not added. What the library needs are periodicals. The library has approximately 60 donated subscriptions. C. Scott suggested periodical reminders to faculty that the library will accept donations of books and periodicals. J. Violette added that if the donor wants the gift added to the collection that they need to make a note of this.

C. Scott suggested that maybe there needs to be more honesty when creating a new degree program, especially with regard to how much money the Library will need to support the program. J. Violette said that it may just be an awareness problem and that someone at the Faculty Senate needs to make sure this gets addressed. S. Sarratore said the committee should

make a recommendation to the Senate Budget Committee and that this is the only way any budget progress is going to be made. C. Scott suggested inviting the VCAA to a meeting and talk about concerns of the library. J. Cochren said that a packet of the material that is being used for the committee's discussions needs to be sent to him. L. Hite suggested that we may want to determine the library's percent of the university's budget for the last five years. J. Violette believes it is around 2%. C. Scott said that we need to get all the information down on paper. J. Cochren said that no progress will be made if we just sit here and do not follow through with it. J. Cochren said that we should invite Dr. English to our April meeting. J. Violette said that she would collect information and ask the committee to give their suggestions as to whether it is good information or whether there is something that should be added. C. Scott suggested using ACRL standards, anything that compares us to another library. D. Oberstar said that according to the one handout comparing IPFW to other regional campuses, per FTE IPFW is \$57 SE is \$184 and all others are also well above IPFW. L. Hite suggested we use some of the information D. Oberstar gave and graph it and compare to other libraries in Indiana.

C. Scott asked if there was any more news on the fund drive. J. Violette said no but there is another meeting next week for the campaign committee.

J. Cochren said that we will look for Dr. English to join our meeting in April and set the March meeting for the 25th at 12:00 noon. The meeting was adjourned.