

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 13, 1995

Present: J. Cochren (Chair), L. Griffin, L. Hite, D. Oberstar, H. Oloomi, C. Scott and C. Thompson

Absent & Excused: J. Knight and S. Sarratore

Chair, Dr. Cochren, called the meeting to order and approved the minutes of the September 11 meeting.

Dr. Cochren brought up the second item on the agenda, rewording item #3 on the Guidelines for General Book Funds. L. Griffin stated that the library would just like to broaden the category. The rewording as proposed was approved.

Dr. Cochren brought up the third item on the agenda, projected price increases for journals and contingency plans. L. Griffin explained the cost of journals and the increase in pricing with several examples.

L. Griffin also suggested that Cheryl Truesdell, head of interlibrary loan, come to the next meeting to give more information on alternatives to journal purchases. All agreed. L. Hite suggested that the study for journal usage be started up again. J. Cochren agreed this was necessary if they were going to use this as a basis for cutting journals. L. Griffin will talk to the librarians and see what they can work out. D. Oberstar suggested they only look at everything over \$1000 with low use. J. Cochren told L. Griffin to bring back to the committee a recommended policy regarding the use study.

J. Cochren brought up the next subject, library direction. L. Griffin said that the direction is about the same as the one he wrote in 1993 with a few changes. The research consulting model is working but he would like to go to an "ER" model, meaning librarians would be at the service desk at all times doing the triage. J. Cochren asked L. Griffin if he had any feedback from the Senate in 1993. L. Griffin said no but he would like to see this on the Senate floor again because it needs faculty direction. D. Oberstar stated that it would be a good idea to show faculty how many different ideas are being thrown at the library. L. Griffin suggested that the committee first listen to the librarians and then possibly set a new direction for the library in January to take to the Senate floor for discussion. J. Cochren said they should proceed with this and have Judie Violette, Cheryl Truesdell and any others the director wants to bring in for a presentation to give the committee a sense of focus.

J. Cochren brought up the matter on new business. Mark Masters, Faculty Affairs Committee, wanted to know if the committee needed to address the library privileges for visiting scholars. L. Griffin and C. Scott stated that a new policy was adopted last year. J. Cochren asked L. Griffin to provide him with a copy of that policy. L. Griffin stated that next spring C&DP will be putting in 20-25 new PCS in the library for library work and non-library work. Funding will come from the students' technology fee. The discard book project with ACPL is working well and is adding good material to the library. L. Griffin asked that other departments let him know if they are interested.

Other items brought up by L. Griffin: business is good, the government documents are being utilized more, library is back to full staff, we have a minority librarian that wants to come back to the library on a visiting basis, we received the H-P Grant again for \$1,900, and more faculty are working with librarians on assignments, but the library still needs more work with the faculty to make sure we can provide for the students' assignments.

The next meeting date is set for December 4, Room 241 Library, from 12:00 - 1:00. Cheryl Truesdell and Judie Violette will be present for their presentations and a free discussion will follow.

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