Present: D. Oberstar (Chair), J. Brian, L. Hite, E. Leonard, C. Scott, R. Tierney, J. Vollmer, J. Violette

Absent: R. Manalis (sabbatical leave)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Chair, D. Oberstar. The minutes of the December 2 meeting were approved as distributed.

J. Violette announced that:

1) The Library will present two programs this week for the Teaching Effectiveness Interest Group (T.E.I.G.). The programs will feature the new online web style catalog, the state-sponsored INSPIRE databases, the CARL Uncover Reveal table of contents alerting service, and the Engineering Information Village.

2) The state sponsored INSPIRE project is now supporting subscriptions to several full-text periodical and newspaper databases.

3) There are 15 special needs proposals totaling $40,788. (The deadline was January 27.) A list of proposal topics was distributed.

4) There will be no serials review this year.

5) The fourth floor of the library will be renovated this year to accommodate a new electronic information training center. All rooms at the back of the floor will be eliminated.

New Business:

Violette asked the Subcommittee to consider the issue of library funding for new programs. In 1986, IPFW had 88 degree programs; in 1995 there were 112. During that 10 year time span, the library experienced four years of 0% increase in materials budget. How should we communicate the need to increase the budget so that new programs are not subsidized by spreading the materials budget allocations ever more thinly? Is this a realistic approach since the Higher Education Commission does not approve new degree programs with funding? Should we ask the Senate to recommend no new programs unless new funding is offered? The Subcommittee will discuss the issues further at the next meeting.
The Subcommittee will meet at 12 noon on February 24, March 24, and April 28 in Room 206 in the Engineering Building.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50.