

**Senate Library Subcommittee**  
**May 12, 1997**  
**Minutes, as amended May 15, 1997**

Present: A. Sandstrom (Chair), J. Brian, L. Hite, C. Kracher,  
D. Oberstar, J. Vollmer, J. Violette (ex-officio)

Absent: S. Faseyitan, C. Scott

Guest: R. Manalis, M. Codispoti, S. Frey-Ridgway, L. Griffin,  
S. Skekloff

Chair A. Sandstrom called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

The minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as distributed.

Chair Sandstrom opened the discussion of the Collection Development Policy noting that the Subcommittee had reviewed the document carefully to date with the intent to clarify for the general reader and to eliminate repetitions rather than to make major changes. He then invited the librarians in attendance to present their questions, comments and suggestions (see attached). He suggested that all comments and suggestions be made before the Subcommittee take action on any.

The librarians' initial and most major concern was that by adding "and faculty" to the library's mission statement, the Subcommittee eliminated the current focus for the collection and opened up the possibility that some faculty may put their own needs above those of their students. Subcommittee members argued that purchasing materials for faculty research would not mean that undergraduate needs would be replaced, but it would give the library the flexibility to grow into a university library. Librarians noted that we do not have a university (i.e., research) budget and are therefore forced to make choices. The policy should provide guidance and help librarians know what the priorities are.

The next major concern of the librarians was the elimination of the references to the book/serial ratio and the formula for book allocations in Section VII. Subcommittee members had removed the formula from the document in order to provide timely guidance to the Director in the future without the need to amend a Senate document.

The Subcommittee agreed to meet again on Thursday, May 15 at 3:00 pm to consider the recommendation of editor Hollander and of the librarians.

The Subcommittee invited Rich Manalis to become a member of the Library Subcommittee as a replacement for Alan Sandstrom during the 1997/1998 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Recorded by J. Violette