Libraries Committee meeting minutes for January 18, 1995

The Libraries Committee met in the Joyner Library Conference Room at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18 January 1995. Committee vice-chair A. Papalas presided.

Discussion of Marquis system
K. Marks answered questions about the Marquis system. A one-time allocation of slightly more than $900,000 over a two year period has been made for the Eastern Carolina Network which includes the Joyner Library, Health Sciences Library and Elizabeth City State. The Marquis system which gives access to the bibliographic data base for these libraries is located in Joyner Library and serves these academic communities over a network. Joyner Library was set up as a development and demonstration site for the Marquis system. This was done to get the best price for the Marquis system which was the top choice by the committee set up to select the new online system. About $300,000 was paid last year toward the purchase of the Marquis system. Some additional funds will be spent this year to complete the purchase. In addition, workstations and network equipment have been purchased for the three sites on the network. Joyner Library currently has 150 workstations on the local network. Additional workstations are needed.

Students prefer using computer workstations as a means of conducting searches in the library. Only the faculty and staff, especially the older generation, are willing to use printed materials for conducting searches.

Presently, bibliographic information displayed over the current campus network is in the standard 239.50 version 2 format. This format does not include some information such as the location of the item or the status, whether it's checked out or not.

When the new fiber optic network is in place and functioning, PCs and Macintoshes on the network can be used to access the Marquis system using Mac Client or PC Client software. The university has an unlimited site license for this software which will allow workstations on the fiber optic network to access the Marquis system in the same manner as the workstations in Joyner Library. Users will not, however, have remote access to the CD-rom data bases. The Marquis data base currently has about 1,000,000 items, the largest such data base in the world.

Statistics on the monograph portion of the acquisitions budget
J. Daughtry asked for statistics on the monograph portion of the acquisitions budget. K. Marks will have some numbers available for the next meeting. There was some discussion about how monograph acquisition and journal acquisition expenditures are adjusted toward the end of the year. This year it looks like an additional $50,000 will be needed for journal acquisitions.

The Committee, by now without a chair, seemed to diffusely adjourn around 4:36 p.m.

Submitted by R. Morrison, Secretary