The Libraries Committee met in the Joyner Library Conference Room at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 January 1996.

Problems with scheduling committee meetings have been resolved and the committee will continue to meet at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of the October 18, 1995 meeting were approved.

Update on the process of review for serial acquisitions

The February committee meeting is viewed as being critical with regard to the review of serials acquisitions. During a brief discussion it was determined that the response to the survey on identifying core journals has been lethargic in most departments represented by committee members.

There was some question about the problem of crafting the library's collections for the future. As the university changes its characteristics toward a research oriented institution how should the characteristics of the library change? This question should be addressed at a future meeting.

Policy decision concerning community access to library video tapes

The committee has been asked by Don Sexauer, Chair of the Faculty, to make recommendations on the circulation of audio/visual materials to local community borrowers. The committee reviewed the response of Gail Munde through Ken Marks in an October 12, 1995 memo to Vice-Chancellor Tinsley Yarbrough, and the October 19, 1995 response of V.C. Yarbrough.

G. Munde stated that local area residents may pay $15 to use most Joyner Library services. They don't have interlibrary loan privileges. They can't check out more than 5 books at a time, and they can't check out audio/visual materials. This policy is typical in the UNC system. Some institutions don't allow students to check out audio/visual materials.

Points addressed during the discussion were: The audio/visual collection could be considered a special collection that is not available to be checked out except by faculty, staff, and students. It might be possible to identify selected materials which could be checked out by community borrowers. The libraries budget is very limited and we can't afford to check out expensive items to community borrowers.

The Committee decided to postpone making a recommendation until J. Bascom determines from V. C. Yarbrough what type of use of these materials he had intended, whether the materials are for casual use, use by schools, or other professional use. In addition the Committee needs circulation information on the audio/visual materials.

Prioritization of tasks for February, March, and April meetings

J. Daughtry was asked to identify key concerns and make suggested recommendations with regard to the monograph
budgets. H. Ferrell was asked to enumerate concerns regarding the service characteristics of the library and of the possible use of microfilm for archiving journals. The monograph budgets will have the first priority.

Other committee business

A consultant has been hired to study the UNC system libraries and will be on campus Feb. 5 or Feb. 20.

It was suggested that there is a need for a base-line review of the distribution of funds among departments for serials and monographs.

The Committee discussed the difficulty of defining its role and maintaining its focus. There was a suggestion that separate committees be formed for the Joyner Library and the Health Sciences Library.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Submitted by R. Morrison, Secretary