Libraries Committee

Meeting Minutes for 19 February 1997

The Libraries Committee met in Rawl Annex 142 at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 February 1997.

1. Approve the 15 January 1997 meeting minutes. The committee accepted the minutes for the 15 January 1997 meeting.

2. Follow-up on increased UNIX support. Johnathan Bascom read a correspondence from Vice Chancellor Ringeisen, suggesting that Ringeisen would help in any way he could to increase UNIX support to ECU; however, he was not sure what form such support might take. The Libraries Committee seeks a full-time on-campus UNIX administrator based in CIS.

3. Continue discussing collections development and serials trading. Unit periodicals "wish lists" have returned with anything from 1 to 34 requested new serial subscriptions.

Among the 5 options for improving collection development, the Libraries Committee concluded that options 2 and 3 (i.e., shifting $ allocations from the Yankee Project and monograph budgets to serials purchases) are probably not viable because the rate of inflation for serials is much greater than the rate of inflation for monographs.

Marks, D'Angelo, and Ferrell agreed to compile data from the libraries budgets indicating ECU's declining capacity to acquire new serials and monographs. Following an orientation session for its own members, the Libraries Committee intends to present this information to Vice Chancellor Ringeisen with the goal of increasing $ allocations to the ECU libraries.

4. Other Committee business. Artemis Kares discussed new library responsibilities relating to ECU's commitment to distance education.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Bruce McComiskey, Secretary