COMMITTEE: Libraries

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2000

PERSON PRESIDING: Allan Rosenberg

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ronnie Smith, Yolanda Burwell, David Hursh, Marty Schultz and Karen Crowell

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Alexandra Shlapentokh, Gail Munde, Carroll Varner and Dorothy Spencer

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Description of Action: January 19, 2000 minutes were accepted.

Description of Action: The final draft of faculty user satisfaction survey was distributed. Minor changes were noted. Survey will go online; hope there is a high response because it is automated. A letter to library representatives will accompany the survey.

Description of Action: Carroll Varner updated members on the recent vote by the Board of Governors to increase tuition. ECU is the only institution to designate monies for library needs within this increase. Exact amount will not be known until next budget year. For the future, we can look for increased demand for the acquisition of electronic databases. These are more expensive. Inflation costs are not factored in the budget process.

Description of Action: The approval plan for acquiring books/serials generated serious discussion around determining the point at which faculty are consulted if cuts or contingencies have to occur because of budgetary constraints. There was strong sentiment that faculty (or departments) should have the chance to designate their priorities. The 28 library liaisons could be very helpful in facilitating the decision-making process. A fall meeting with the library representatives had been helpful and informative. Setting up an informational meeting with this body in the spring was encouraged.

Next meeting: March 22, 2000 at 4:00pm in Rawl 105.

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