COMMITTEE: Libraries

MEETING DATE: 04/18/01

PERSON PRESIDING: Allan Rosenberg

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Raedeke, Ronnie Smith,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Alexandra Shlapentokh, Dorothy Spencer,

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathleen D'Angelo, Stefanie DuBose

Description of action: A. Rosenberg expressed his strong disapproval of the lack of consultation by Joyner Library with the committee in regards to two issues:

1. The process by which meetings were held with the science departments to discuss journal realignment. The committee was not consulted at all, and in fact the seriousness of the budgetary situation was withheld in prior meetings even though plans for these actions were going forward.

2. Movement of journals in the library used by the Department of Chemistry without any advance warning or notice to the affected department.

Description of action: Discussion of the proper dissemination of information to departments as they consider recommendations on what journals to cancel in the face of severe budget cuts. A. Shlapentokh expressed concern that faculty were not being given adequate information about the document delivery model for print journals to be canceled for which electronic access is not available.

Description of action: Discussion of formula used by the library to determine target dollar amounts for reductions per department. K. D'Angelo discussed the model, which was based on the formula for budgeting book allocations. Concern was expressed by A. Rosenberg and R. Smith that the weighted formula was inadequately considering issues of research productivity and graduate program needs. This concern is to be studied further.

Description of action: D. Spencer reported that the University will be establishing a Scholarly Communications Committee to be composed of administrators, lawyers, faculty, and library staff that will be looking at the rapidly evolving world of publishing and journal access in order to make all parties more aware of the state of the world as well as each others needs.

Description of action: A. Rosenberg led a continuing review of the results from the Library survey. The results continue to emphasize the need for more educational and marketing tools to inform faculty of existing resources.

NEXT MEETING: Organizational Meeting, Fall 2001

Minutes submitted by Ronnie Smith