EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Libraries Committee

Minutes 2001-2002

Meeting #1: Wed. August 15, 2001, 3-4 pm, Rawl Annex 142

Members present: Allan Rosenberg, David Hursh, Tom Raedeke, Gay Wilentz, Marianna Walker, John Stevens, Ann Schreier

Ex-Officio Members present: Caroll Varner, Dorothy Spencer, Alexandra Shlapentokh, Paul Gemperline, Sadie Cox

Guests present: Deana Astle, Joyner Library Services, Bob Thompson, Interim VCAA

Presiding Officers: Mark Jones, Vice-Chair of the Faculty accompanied by Lori Lee, Faculty Senate Office Administrator

Agenda Item 1. Introductory Remarks:

Prof. Mark Jones welcomed the committee and reminded members that in these difficult fiscal times all faculty were keenly sensitive to changes in library policy. Vice-Chancellor Thompson agreed but added as well that the cuts to the Library budget by the legislature may at least not be as drastic as once feared.

Agenda Item 2. Election of Officers:

Dr. Rosenberg expressed a desire to continue as Chair and was elected unopposed. Prof. Schreier volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair, Prof. Stevens as Secretary. Both were elected unopposed.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion of Old Business and Committee Goals:

Prof. Rosenberg took over the meeting and the following items were discussed (some of which he suggested might best be handled over the year by subcommittee):

- Members were asked to examine the SACS Support Services document pertaining to Library Facilities (http://www.ecu.edu/sacs/SACS%202002/educsupser/esscript112101.html) and suggest any changes to the draft. Dr. Varner drew attention to the one glaring weakness in library facilities: the Fletcher Music library. He noted that the bond referendum allocated resources for a new Health Sciences Library.

- The results of the Faculty Questionnaire on library usage and awareness of facilities and services will be reviewed by the committee this year to make recommendations on outreach and structure of services.

- The committee will review budget allocation and make recommendations. Dr. Varner announced that the new Langford Endowment of $8 Million (http://www.lib.ecu.edu/8milliongift.html) would alleviate some materials acquisitions pressures, but not all. The endowment interest (6% $480K per year) would be used to supplement books acquisition lines for dept. liaisons, purchase rare archival materials pertaining to E. NC (of which the first will be a public lecture forum on documents pertaining to John Lawson [NC Historian d.1712, described travels among many Indian Nations] on Oct. 18), and to supplement faculty development needs such as journals. Dr. Varner announced that he testified before the Faculty Senate Budget Committee over the summer and was pleased to report that there was strong faculty support that the library should not bear the brunt of budgetary cuts.

- The Journal Realignment process (the move from expensive print subscriptions to less expensive full-text online providers in large packages) continues. Dr. Varner recommended that committee members stay abreast of events, including changes to NCLive by consulting the "What's New" page on the Joyner Web site (http://www.lib.ecu.edu/whatsnew.htm).

- Dr. Rosenberg announced that there needed to be a review of communications between library staff, dept. liaisons and faculty and students. In particular publicizing what the library offers both to faculty in the way of special expertise, collection development assistance, and new IT tools such as Sci-Finder Scholar. Dr. Varner mentioned that the annual library liaison luncheon would be scheduled soon. He also indicated that when Jones and Aycock Residence Halls are remodeled, there are plans to open a satellite office that would assist students with research techniques for writing term papers. SGA Rep. Sadie Cox suggested that it might be desirable to have more than the current level of instruction in library research tools (library services people giving one-hour presentations in sections of ENGL 1200, and tutorials in the library to groups), and that a semester length required course might be in order.
• At the end of the meeting, faculty members voiced various concerns: the lack of specific budget authority for interdisciplinary programs and the inequity of forcing Health Sciences Library users to pay for Interlibrary Loan photoduplication.

**Agenda Item 4.** New Meeting time:

Members agreed to meet on the third Wed. of the month at 3:30, with the next meeting scheduled for Sept. 19.