EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Libraries Committee

Minutes 2001-2002


Members present: Salman Abdulali, David Hursh, Tom Raedeke, Ann Schreier, John Stevens, Marianna Walker

Ex-Officio Members present: Paul Gemperline, Mary Ann Rose, Alexandra Shlapentokh

Guests present: Deana Astle substituting for Carroll Varner; Ellen Arnold substituting for Gay Wilentz

Agenda Item 1. Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were amended as follows: Agenda Item 2, ¶1 last sentence, "a sizeable fund..." was changed to "a fund had been established to deal with extraordinary circumstances."

Agenda Item 2. Introduction of new members:

The committee welcomed Salman Abdulali to replace Dr. Rosenberg and Mary Ann Rose as the Chancellor's representative.

Agenda Item 3. Election of Vice Chair:

Marianna Walker volunteered and was elected by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4. Outreach:

Deana Astle reported that one Library Faculty Forum had recently been held and another scheduled for February. When the desire for outreach was put to the faculty, there was some concern about adding duties to overworked staff, esp. since collection dev. staff do not have public relations as part of their job descriptions. It was suggested that faculty work together in teams, e.g., all those involved in the sciences pool their expertise, whether in reference or cataloguing and work together to help educate faculty in whatever ways make best use of available talent. More discussion at next Library Faculty Forum.

There was discussion of the desirability of a virtual tour of the library web page, of the advantages of one on one instruction, of adding a great library presence to the ECU homepage, and of the appearance and layout of the Joyner homepage.

Agenda Item 5. Feasibility of combining Joyner and Health Sciences Library online catalogs:

The Virtual Library project attempts to make the two libraries work more closely together in their electronic presence. Deana Astle reported that regular meetings of the two staffs now occur and that cooperation is at an all time high. There are plans already underway to allow a single Keyword/Number search of both catalogs simultaneously. The committee asked why Author and Title searches cannot also be done. Deana Astle could not answer with certainty and it was suggested the Pam Burton from systems be invited to the next meeting to explain the situation. Deana Astle reported that the two libraries used the same software and the same method of data entry but that the two catalogs were housed on different servers by their data management company. It was agreed that the question of the feasibility of joining the two compatible? systems somehow be put to Ms. Burton.

While there are no plans to unite the two libraries, since they are under separate code units and have separate cultures, with Health Sciences Library closely affiliated with the Medical School, there are plans to cooperate as closely as possible under the current structure. Aside from HSL’s policy to charge students for ILL (and Marianna Walker’s report that Joyner charges her for ILL), it seemed that all students and faculty at both libraries have access to the same services and materials with the possible exception of a single electronic database at HSL.

Agenda Item 6. New Business:

Professor Shlapentokh requested a discussion of the manner in which the Journal Reallocation Process was carried out for the Mathematics department, in order to prevent repetition of certain problems in the future. It was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting of Wed. Feb. 20.
The meeting adjourned.