Libraries Committee
Meeting of January 15, 2003

Place and time: Rawl Annex 142, 3:30 pm

Person presiding: John Stevens

Regular members in attendance: Salman Abdulali, Tom Raedeke, John Stevens

Ex-officio members in attendance: Deana Astle (for Carroll Varner), Paul Gemperline, Mary Ann Rose

Others in attendance: Jeff Coghill, John Lawrence, Lori Lee

1. Updates

a) Deana Astle gave an update on the liaison program. She said that the grouping of liaisons by subject areas was working well. She was planning to ask liaisons to compile departmental profiles, using Clemson University as a model (see <http://www.lib.clemson.edu/about/infoaccess.htm>).

b) Interlibrary loan pilot project for Allied Health and Nursing. The committee was informed that the pilot was just getting started, and the two concerned departments were very happy about it.

c) Budget update. Deana Astle informed the committee that the Libraries had essentially finished spending the state allocation for acquisitions, and were starting to spend money from endowment funds. Thus any budget reversions would not affect library acquisitions, but could affect operations. Planning has started for the possibility of an engineering school, and its impact on library acquisitions. The committee was also informed that at the November meeting of the 16 UNC library directors, agreement was not reached on leveraging the triangle area's TRLN consortium towards making statewide purchases of large electronic packages.

2. Library's mission statement

In an email to the committee, John Stevens had expressed reservations about whether the library's mission reflected ECU's recent elevation to Doctoral II status, and the increased need for faculty research purchases. John Lawrence distributed the following draft of a revised mission statement for Joyner Library:

The mission of the Joyner Library system is to provide the materials and services integral to the educational, scholarly, creative, and intellectual endeavors of the students, faculty and staff of East Carolina University, and to actively support the University's broader commitment to serve the region.

John Stevens expressed satisfaction with this revised wording. In response to questions from him, Deana Astle and John Lawrence assured the committee that the library is committed to supporting faculty research, and would normally accept purchase recommendations made by Departments through their library representatives.

Submitted by Salman Abdulali