Libraries Committee Minutes for the Meeting of November 16, 2005

Joyner Library Administration Room: 3 pm

Marianna Walker presiding.

Regular members in attendance: Salman Abdulali, Susan DeVecchio, Thomas Douglass, Michael Duffy, Marianna Walker

Ex-Officio Members in attendance: Darryl Davis, Jeff Coghill (representing Dorothy Spencer).

1.) October minutes approved.

2.) Darryl Davis reported:

- No library budget had been established.
- Outside consultants had visited Joyner Library to assess the library’s physical and organizational structure. They were impressed with funding for the library, the physical facility, and the current direction of the library; they recommended some consolidation of units; and met with Catherine Rigsby and Jim Smith; a report of their visit is forthcoming in February.
- An independent search firm will be used to help identify candidates for the director’s position. A search committee will be formed in the next few weeks. Davis will be used as resource person in the search but will not serve on the search committee. The appointment of a new director is expected by spring.
- A national consultant group will also visit the library to assess collection development and electronic resources.
- Davis advocated a new collection development policy.

3.) Abdulali asked if anything needed to be addressed before the new director is hired, and Davis responded by advising the status quo to see what the new director might have in mind. Davis also mentioned that ECU is thought of in the profession as not being administrator-friendly, so this reputation further underlines the need to wait on taking on any new initiatives.

4.) Jeff Coghill reported on the LAUPUS Library:

- Of Distance Education monies –20% goes to Health Sciences Budget; 30% goes to Joyner Library, and 50% to the Virtual Library.
- A new shift in library policy regarding clinical and patient information involving HIPPA and the “Katrina Effect” reflecting the need to have online patient records; no barriers to patient information; sharing of patient and clinical information between hospitals and clinicians.
- New library building on schedule, although they are 79 days behind construction.
- The issue of Institutional Repository Databases will be the next challenge for ECU Libraries. The ECU libraries already have 40,000 entries of various kinds of faculty produced data. MIT’s “D” Space might be the software to handle this kind of project.

5.) Draft to the Provost requesting representation on the Joyner Library Director Search Committee was amended and approved to which Provost responded favorably (see below email).

To: James LeRoy Smith, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
From: Faculty Senate Libraries Committee
Re: Search Committee for Director of Joyner Library
Date: November 15, 2005

The search for the Director of Joyner Library is an important one in which the Faculty Senate Libraries Committee has a keen interest. The Committee’s responsibilities involve all aspects of library policy and oversight. The Committee is also familiar with recent problems and current trends in the ECU library system.
For these reasons, the Faculty Senate Libraries Committee requests representation in the search process. Please consider the make-up of the Search Committee for the new Director to include a member from the Faculty Senate Libraries Committee.

cc: Marianna Walker, Michael Duffy, Susan Del Vecchio, Dorothy Spencer, Darryl Davis, James Wirth, Salman Abdulali, Lillian Burke, Elmer Poe, Cole Jones, Lori Lee, Catherine Rigsbee, Thomas Douglass.

Thomas E. Douglass, secretary

Meeting adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Douglass, secretary