Libraries Committee Minutes

Meeting of September 21, 2005

Rawl Annex 142 @ 3 pm

Marianna Walker presiding.

Regular members in attendance: Salman Abdulali, Susan DelVecchio, Thomas Douglass, Michael Duffy, Marianna Walker, James Wirth, Lillian Burke

Ex-Officio Members in attendance: Darryl Davis, Dorothy Spencer

Also in attendance: Elmer Poe and Catherine Rigsby

1.) New Officers were elected:
   Marianna Walker – chair
   Susan Del Vecchio – vice-chair
   Thomas Douglass - secretary

2.) Acting director Darryl Davis of Joyner Library was introduced to the committee.

3.) Spencer announced the opening for the new Laupus Library in May 2005. The goal during the transition to the new facility is to have electronic service uninterrupted during the ten days it will take to move. In-person service will probably be disrupted for about a week. The new facility will be available to host the Libraries Committee meeting in the fall of 2005.

4.) Davis addressed Joyner Library concerns for the coming academic year
   · The search for a new director
   · concerns over replication of services
   · Concerns over library storage
   · Personnel needs having to do with someone familiar with licensure of electronic services
   · Solicitation of two outside consulting teams: one to assess library administration, staffing, and service; and one to assess library technology and current electronic services
   · Internal assessment of the quality of the current library collection
   · Consideration of 24 hour in-house library service

5.) Wirth, Abdulali, and Spencer voiced their concerns about equity of collection development

6.) Douglass, Walker expressed concerns of the personnel search for a new director, suggesting the Libraries Committee be included in the process. Davis explained that the search committee will probably be expanded to a ten person committee to accommodate that interest, and that the search will be conducted during October and December 2005. Davis also explained that an outside consulting firm will be hired to name qualified candidates who would most likely apply.

7.) Discussion of the libraries budget and how it should be should be presented to the faculty senate. Walker and Davis and Spencer agreed to communicate via email about the substance and form of the budget presentation.

8.) Burke expressed concern over the quality and access of Laupus library service. Spencer agreed to meet with Burke to discuss these concerns before the next meeting.

9.) Walker suggested continued discussion of the 2005-06 Libraries Committee goals for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Douglass, secretary