Senate Library Advisory Committee (SLAC)
Minutes of November 11, 1997

Present:

Gayla Domke, Larry Gaunt, Sandra Hewell, James Hirsh, Charlene Hurt, Philo Hutcheson, Mary Munroe, Preeti Sagar, Malinda Snow, Dennis Thompson, Chair, Juanita Wheeler, Pah Carrell, Guests - Carol Winkler, Chair of Status Self Study Committee and Roger Presley, subcommittee.

Absent:

Nancy Deel, Chuck Derby, John Diehl, Ronald Henry, Greg Lisby, Francis President-Allen, Don Reid, Katherine Willoughby.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. in the Colloquium Room, Library South 8th floor by Dennis Thompson.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and accepted.

Carol Winkler previewed details regarding SACS review. Her committee on the compliance audit has made a series of recommendations and suggestions regarding the six sections of the Criteria for Accreditation. The Library Committee has been asked to review the statement and suggestions for section 5.1.3 Library Collection. We are to review this compliance statement and submit any recommendations for revision.

Changes to Section 5.1.3 Library Collection: Don Reid emailed Dennis Thompson with suggestion that paragraphs two and three be replaced with two new paragraphs (see attached).

Roger Presley stated that the wording of the original statement sounds more negative than intended. There should be more positive statements. We meet the goals, but have other improvements.

Carol Winkler stated this is not a lobbying document. GSU needs to figure out strategically what to do to improve (realistic).

The question was asked, do we have a strategic plan? Charlene Hurt suggested that the university strategic plan should continuously be revised. She stated that it is a clear priority to work more actively with faculty in developing policies.

Technology

Dennis Thompson reminded the committee that we are making suggestions for revision to section 5.1.3. These will be reviewed by Dr. Winkler's committee and the Senate Executive Committee. Dennis Thompson stated that the committee has until November 20th to forward our revision.

Mary Munroe will post her documentation on different collection levels.

Dennis agreed to put together a small subcommittee to work on SACS comments. The committee will consist of Dennis, Charlene, Mary, Don and Jim.

The subcommittee will meet next Wednesday, November 19, 1997 at 2:00 p.m., LS Room 205. If
Charlene cannot come Roger will come in her place.

Charlene commented about the sexual harassment in the library. The Women Studies says that women are afraid to come to the library.

Preeti Sagar, student member, has talked to other students and does not think students are afraid to come to the library.

Charlene has met with Police Chief Connie Sampson and she says that there are plain clothes police in library walk throughs. The following suggestions will be explored: uniformed security dressed police and have a guard walk through the library in the evenings. People seeing a guard may feel more comfortable in the library. It was also suggested that the committee talk to people for suggestions on the security in the library.

The library budget for FY98 was discussed.

Charlene stated that she would like to move toward more staff working with faculty members. Would like to use a more approval plan to order books. We need to try to improve faculty and staff salaries, as we are training people to go to work for Emory for more money.

There is not another meeting scheduled until early next quarter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Shirley Hamm
Recorder

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone