Senate Library Advisory Committee (SLAC)  
Minutes of January 27, 1998

Present: Sandra Hewell, Charlene Hurt, Philo Hutcheson, Mary Munroe, Malinda Snow, Dennis Thompson, Chair and Katherine Willoughby.

Absent: Timothy Crimmins, Nancy Deel, Chuck Derby, John Diehl, Gayla Domke, Ronald Henry, James Hirsh, Greg Lisby, Francis President-Allen, Don Reid, Preeti Segar, Juanita Wheeler.

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 accepted and approved with the following modification on the 2nd page 4th paragraph: The Women Studies Institute instead of The Women Studies.

The amendments of the SAC Self-Study were adopted.

GALILEO AND COPERNICUS
Charlene Hurt distributed handouts on different ways to use resources of the Library (OLLI workshops, Galileo/Internet, C-D ROM workshops).

Copernicus may be renamed G2 (Galileo 2). The full-text of many newspapers has been added to GALILEO in the database called Dialog @ CARL. Coming soon is the Oxford English Dictionary, Chadwick Healey databases, Java-based search software, and maybe Stat USA. We buy databases jointly and individually to improve library resources for all the libraries of Georgia.

The primary advantage of G2 will be that there will be a union catalog with a common patron database for all the Georgia academic libraries. The current union catalog on PALS is loaded by tapes, whereas the union catalog is dynamically updated and works from a single master record. The union catalog will also have circulation status, and be updated continuously. The new system should provide much better library management series. Over the next two to six years there will be gradual changes in the library's organization to reflect the new capabilities of the system. We will have a much better library system, which will create a lot more demand and a lot more teaching.

The shot term impact is that the system must be selected by July, with the RFP to be issued by March 1, and purchased by the end of June. We will have to do some conversion work such as linking bar codes to bibliographic records.

Services that a new system could provide include online renewal of books, online requests to put items on reserve, and authority control. Authority control provides a single entry for an author or subject and provides see-references from other possible entries, thereby creating a much more powerful search engine. GSU will be one of the first to be brought up on this new system.

The new Paw print system is moving smoothly.

COLLECTION ASSESSMENT
Mary Munroe presented information on a collection analysis of the Pullen library holdings. Using the Washington Library Network Conspectus gave us information on how old the collection is, how many titles are in various subject areas, how much overlap, and whether there are pockets of
Dennis Thompson asked where we are in the strategic plan. Charlene stated that the library will start from scratch is developing a strategic plan. The Plan will help us decide how we should use our resources. The evaluation of the collection will also be used to make resource decisions.

It was announced that Carolyn Robison, Associate University Librarian, will be retiring October 31, 1998 after a 35-year career.

Dennis will meet with Charlene. Will send out date and agenda for next meeting. Dennis distributed a handout he had prepared on using Georgia State University UnCover Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Shirley Hamm, Recorder