Senate Library Advisory Committee (SLAC)
Minutes of April 16, 1998

Present: John Diehl, Gayla Domke, James Hirsh, Charlene Hurt, Mary Munroe, Don Reid, Dennis Thompson, Chair, and Katherine Willoughby. Guests: from the Library Strategic Plan Steering Committee: Roger Presley, Bill Kinyon, Patti Burleson, Laura Burtle, Julia Young, and Lea Wells, Consultant.


The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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 correction that James Hirsh was present at the last meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with the Library Strategic Plan Steering Committee and Consultant, Ms. Lea Wells.

Charlene Hurt stated that the preliminary news on the library budget is good.

Roger Presley was recently promoted to Associate University Librarian for Resource Management and is chair of the Library Strategic Plan Steering Committee. The members are Julia Young, Bill Kinyon, Laura Burtle, and Patti Burleson.

Lea Wells' purpose is to assist in the development of a strategic plan for the library.

Roger announced that the committee is doing a fantastic job. They are working on mission, vision, and values statements and preliminary initiatives of the library. Some initiatives are to select and acquire materials that support faculty and students, continue to provide additional value-added access, and to create a humane learning organization ensuring high quality service. Adding new websites, databases, and collections will increase the value of what we have. To reach out, promote and market are other proposed initiatives. A better understanding of how to communicate with faculty and students will be looked at as well.

A general discussion about the library and its services ensued.

Charlene wants to expand the number of librarians relating to the department, with the use of department of subject specialist liaison librarians.

Dennis commented that Carl UnCover, the on-line access to journals, is great. There is a concern about graphs and charts. Developing area plans, in addition to better notification of training offered by the library, especially to graduate research students who do research for faculty, is recommended.

Charlene suggested starting graduate students to work in the library in their specialty field. We will be expanding the library's approval plans via a subject rather than a publisher approach.
Dennis commented that flexibility in ordering monographs and periodicals is very important.

Charlene stated we are an information sharing institution and we are open to the public.

It was asked how do we differentiate GSU students, faculty, and staff from other institutions? The library cannot be everything to everybody. The new classroom building will have a cyber-cafe. We could use it as our access point to the library.

Roger stated that the library will be the center of access.

The Strategic Plan Steering Committee will send to the Senate Library Advisory Committee, final drafts of the mission and vision statements for their review. The secretary will e-mail information to SLAC members, maybe by end of the next week, April 24, 1998 to comment on. Dennis will send out e-mail of forthcoming information.

It is required by the University Senate to elect a new chair of the Senate Library Advisory Committee by May 15, 1998. We will meet Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m., Library South Colloquium Room 8th floor. An announcement to confirm this will be sent out.

Dennis thanked everyone for a successful meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Shirley Hamm, Recorder

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone