Senate Library Advisory Committee (SLAC)

Minutes of October 8, 1998

Present: Larry Gaunt, James Hirsh, Philo Hutcheson, Annie Tilden, Katherine Willoughby, Latisha Coleman, Student, Roger Presley.


The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Colloquium Room, Library South 8th floor by Philo Hutcheson and there was an introduction of all committee members that were present.

P. Hutcheson explained that Dennis Thompson, former committee chair, could not attend because he has jury duty.

Roger Presley, Associate University Librarian for Resource Management, attended the meeting representing Charlene Hurt.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 9, 1998 meeting were accepted and approved.

Budget

R. Presley stated that funding for the library is down this year, the year end and contingency funding has been cut 2 from last year. The library is held at the FY97 spending levels. Good news is the Provost continues to voice support for the library. There is an increase in the base budget.

Serial inflation has dropped to a single digit, 9%, and this is the first time that this has happened. The inflation of cost of serials/journals is caused by various reasons. The Center for Research Libraries has formed a group to publish their own journals in order to break monopoly of the big science publishers. It is recommended that more funding be put in our base budget for ongoing purchase of journals. Carl Uncover usage by faculty is gradually increasing.

P. Hutcheson handed out a Library Acquisitions Budget based on Research II Level.

There was discussion about how to increase the library budget.

J. Hirsh proposed an endowment.

R. Presley announced that a Development Officer is a goal for the library, and this person would handle those kind of things. Due to the budget right now, it may take a while. The committee agreed that this is a good idea. Endowment of $80,000-$100,000 year support is definitely not enough money.

P. Hutcheson announced that he and C. Hurt will draft a document before the next meeting of Tuesday, November 3, 1998, and will send it out.

R. Presley also announced that the library gets nothing from research funds and grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Shirley Hamm, Recorder