Senate Library Advisory Committee (SLAC)
Minutes of September 9, 1998
11:00 am, Colloquium Room Library South

Present: James Heitzman, Sandy Hewell, James Hirsh, Charlene Hurt, Philo Hutcheson, John Nelson and Anne Tilden.


The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am in the Colloquium Room, Library South 8th floor by Philo Hutcheson.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the May 12, 1998 meeting were approved.

Strategic Plan
P. Hutcheson stated that the strategic plan was well put together. C. Hurt stated that the Strategic Plan Committee worked hard and did a wonderful job writing the plan. There were some comments, suggestions, changes, etc. to the strategic plan, which focused on strengthening the language of the document. The motion to approve the strategic plan, following language revisions, was approved. The revised plan will be posted on the web.

Other
C. Hurt distributed the Library's Annual Report Executive Summary. The funding for the library was discussed concerning the different budget cuts. The 1998 accounts payable came out of the book budget and this year's book budget is below last year's. If enrollment stays up the contingency money will still come, since the library's budget tends to rest on the end of year budgets.

It was suggested that Carolyn Robison could come and give the committee some history of the Library Budget; C. Hurt explained that Carolyn Robison would be out of the country during the next meeting, and suggested that Roger Presley talk to the committee.

Announcements
C. Hurt announced that Phyllis Ruscella has been hired as the new Associate University Librarian, which will fill part of Carolyn Robison's position. Two Reference Liaisons have been hired as well, Tammy Sugarman for History and John Hughes for Science.

The library now has five new security guards on duty each day until close. Fortunately, there have not been any more incidents in the restrooms.

Nexis Lexis is a new database that has been added. J-Stor is a full-text database of the full run of classic periodicals and will solve some of the storage problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Shirley Hamm, Recorder
Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone