Senate Library Advisory Committee Meeting

March 20, 2000, 12:30 pm

Library South Colloquium Room

Present: Meg Harper, Chairperson, Tim Crimmins, Charlene Hurt, Robert Thompson, Anne Tilden, Wayne Urban, Carmen Newton.

C. Hurt opened discussion of the recruitment status and ways of attracting new faculty to Pullen Library. There was also discussion on the progress of facilities improvements that are addressed in the strategic plan specific to the library. The storage facility is about 15th on the list of projects and may not be in the 5-year plan. Renovations are ongoing with salary savings and equipment funds. Most of the library’s renovations have been done with other fund savings. GSU is under-funded for facilities in general.

New Databases: Dow Jones Interactive covers businesses and industries and was purchased cooperatively with GSU, University of Georgia, Emory University, and Georgia Tech.

The National Association of Schools of Music’s accreditation report was very complimentary of the music collection.

1. The new Strategic Plan and the Library

The committee discussed ways that the library’s importance to the university’s strategic goals could be better highlighted in the Strategic Plan. They were particularly concerned about the lack of reference to building research collections, and some were strongly opposed to only referencing electronic collections. After some discussion about whether we should ask to have a paragraph inserted in the plan, it was determined that Charlene would write a sentence of two to be added to the section “Graduate experience” which would discuss the importance of research collections. Tim Crimmins suggested the new languages be related to the library’s strategic plan. The committee voted in favor of this procedure. The language which was drafted appears at the end of the minutes.

The committee also voted to propose adding to the bulleted list under “Goals and Priorities” the bullet

  Information literacy and lifelong learning

Charlene will send these proposals to the Provost and represent them in meetings at which amendments to the Strategic Plan may be proposed. Charlene will work to be sure the libraries are also incorporated into the action plans.

2. Membership in the Association of Research Libraries

The committee considered for discussion making joining the association of Research Libraries a goal for next fiscal year. This is expensive and means a substantial commitment by GSU.

ARL is in the process of changing membership criteria, which is not published as yet. Membership seems reasonable in light of GSU’s goal; but may be pursued as an action plan for next fall rather than a statement in the strategic plan.

M. Harper stated that it seems the committee is in full support and will continue to pursue this status.

3. Keystone Principles and a vision for the library

The Committee was given copies of the Keystone Principles (attached), which are being circulated by academic libraries as a restatement of the values of academic libraries. The library is using them as a basis for talking about the future of libraries in the information age. A general discussion of the Principles followed.

The next meeting to be planned through email.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Carmen Newton
Add under “3. Graduate experience”

A **goal** is to continue to build library collections, both paper and electronic, so the library can fulfill its strategic initiatives of partnering with faculty, departments, and interdisciplinary programs to develop a collection in all formats that support graduate programs of excellence and distinction, and providing information services both virtually and in multiple physical locations, including the new Alpharetta Center, for all graduate programs.