Senate Library Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, February 5, 2003, 2:30 pm  
Library South, 7th Fl., LAO Conference Room

Present: Dean Dabney, Tazar Gissentanner, Charlene Hurt, Philo Hutcheson, Mona Matthews, Neven Valev

Approval of Minutes
January 7, 2003 minutes were approved

Charlene's Report on Budget Meetings
Charlene conveyed the events that transpired in various budget meetings she attended. The group discussed the formation of the subcommittee on budget priorities, which is chaired by Sally Williams. The subcommittee conducted a survey that solicited input from the interviewees regarding the priorities of his/her committee and a statement of how they fit into the overall University Strategic Plan goals. Charlene reported that the Budget Committee adopted the report of the budget priorities subcommittee which recommends in its report to increase the support for collections and services of the University's Libraries with the goal of achieving membership for Pullen Library in the Association of Research Libraries; funding for library services and collections has not kept pace with either inflation or the increased demands associated with the growth of academic programs and the large growth of undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty." Regarding the earlier SLAC recommendation that the University shift more of the funding for the materials budget from contingency to base budget, at the Planning & Development meeting, Katherine Johnston agreed, that if necessary, she would work with the Library to explain to the satisfaction of the Association of Research Libraries the total funding provided to the libraries. The Planning & Development Committee voted to recommend the resolution not be sent to the Full Senate because the resolution has already been dealt with in the University's Strategic Action Plan. In view of the Planning & Development committee's decision on the resolution, the SLAC committee discussed the need to continue the resolution through the process of approval. The committee moved to withdraw the resolution. Dean Dabney said a motion to withdraw was necessary to assure that the resolution does not proceed to the Senate floor or the Executive Committee. It is assumed the withdrawal does not prevent the resolution from being reintroduced in the future. The motion was approved unanimously. Mona will contact John DeCastro to solicit advice regarding the procedures to follow in order to not send the resolution forward to the Senate Committees. Mona will email the committee with John DeCastro's advice and make changes if necessary. Mona will also follow-up on the email she received from Mary Nell Stone.

Presidential Taskforce on Transforming the Library
Mona expressed excitement regarding the outcome of the Taskforce to Transform the Library's meeting held on February 4, 2003 in Alumni Hall. President Patton attended and was very supportive of the taskforce. The committee consists of Dr. Hazel Scott, VP Student Affairs; Katherine Johnston, VP Finance & Administration; representatives from the Student Government Association; Charlene Hurt, University Librarian; and Dean Dabney has agreed to join the committee. The students will have the option to vote for a fee/a bond issue to transform the Library. In accordance with the Board of Regents, the goals of the committee are to establish creative financing; increase retention of students; and increase diversity in the student body. The Library serves the entire student population on campus. Mona added that the concept of the learning commons is a well-rounded idea. Charlene distributed her "Work in Progress" handout to the committee.

Joining ARL: Principles and Procedures of Membership in the Association of Research Libraries
Mona distributed handouts from the ARL website on Principles and Procedures. Mona advised SLAC members to educate themselves on the admission process to ARL. Because the goal of SLAC's resolution has been incorporated as an action item in the University's Strategic Plan for next year; Charlene feels we should formally notify the Association of Research Libraries of the University's intent for the Library to gain ARL membership. She will also speak with her contacts at ARL Libraries for feedback on their experience gaining membership to ARL. Charlene will review the documents to identify the areas in which we currently meet their criteria and for areas we need to improve upon in order to be eligible for ARL membership.

Other
The next meeting will be held on March 13, 2003
The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
Recorder: Marketta Pettway