Senate Library Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, April 29, 2003  
Library South, 7th Fl., LAO Conference Room

Present: Charlene Hurt, Ralph LaRossa, Mona Matthews

Approval of Minutes
February 5, 2003 minutes were approved

Charlene's Report
Charlene reported to the committee the Library's intentions to purchase SFX. SFX is a linking tool for electronic journal articles. The software will be a joint purchase shared between the other major research institutions in Georgia. SFX is offering a 25% discount. Charlene explained the Open URL-function of the SFX database. The proposal is to deploy SFX software on a server provided by GALILEO. GALILEO will provide the staff for server maintenance. The one-time expense for the software is approximately $38,000. The institutions would share the maintenance costs for the software. Charlene has tentatively agreed to purchase SFX. Charlene added that the Library is experiencing a healthy trend in its search for librarians. The pool of professional librarians applying to Pullen Library has been impressive. The Library previously experienced difficulty in hiring professional librarians.

Discussion of Status of Library Projects
Charlene reported to the committee that the students did not vote on the proposal for the student fee to help transform Pullen Library. A presentation was given on April 17th at the Student Mandatory Fee Committee meeting. The students asked several financial questions. In theory the students are in favor of a fee to help transform the Library. The students are facing a possible increase of $724 per semester. The students are also concerned with the status of the additional student fees after the Library obtains the 10 million dollars in funding needed for the project. The vote was to take place at the students final meeting for the term on April 25th. However, the meeting was cancelled in error. The students are displeased with the additional fees that are being imposed upon them which are not approved through a voting process. The next student fee meeting will be held in October.

The University will experience budget decreases. The budget amounts will be given at the Board of Regents meeting on May 21st. The University's budget must be submitted to the Board of Regents by June 5th. The turnaround time will be short. $327,000 is needed to maintain the serials collection. Funds from salary savings may have to be used towards the book budget, not the Master Plan. Mona pointed out the two major goals for SLAC in the upcoming year are: 1) ARL Membership and 2) Transforming the Library. The President appointed the task force to transform the Library with a deadline. The decision to continue the task force will be the President's. Charlene will meet with Dr. Hazel Scott to discuss the task force's future plans. Charlene added that the students are interested in the number and amount of Library contributions received from the University's faculty and staff. Mona suggested we utilize the Library's Public Relations Specialist to increase faculty and staff awareness. Charlene informed the committee that a new fund entitled the Library Excellence Fund would be included on all pledge cards distributed within the University as a pledge option. Contributions are also received from the alumni and retirees. The Library must increase fundraising efforts. The LibQual+ survey results are very interesting. LibQual is a scientific research survey, which is an ARL sponsored instrument. A number of the questions given on the survey involve the physical environment of the Library. Preliminary results reveal that we will do poorly in that section of the survey. The students were interested in who were surveyed and was it a cross sample. The information gathered from the LibQual+ survey will be very useful.

Accomplishments for the 2002-2003 SLAC year
Mona outlined the accomplishments for the 2002-2003 SLAC year as: 1) SLAC's goal of seeking ARL status became part of the University's Action Plan. 2) SLAC submitted a letter of support to the Budget Priority Subcommittee and the library is on the list of the top five priorities. 3) SLAC assisted the Transforming the Library Committee by submitting a letter of support. Charlene added that the top five priorities listed receive financial support if new funding becomes available.

Action Items
Mona will send the minutes, agenda and Charlene's SFX document to the Senate Library Advisory Committee via email.

Other
The next meeting date has been tentatively scheduled for August 28, 2003
The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
Recorder: Marketta Pettway