Present: Elizabeth Bagley, Charlene Hurt, Ralph LaRossa, Peter Lyons, Mona Matthews and Natalia Taylor.

Approval of Minutes
September 23, 2003 minutes were approved

Introduction of Library’s New Leadership Team
Charlene introduced the new Associate University Librarian for Public Services, Elizabeth Bagley.

Reports
Sally Wallace, Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, responded to SLAC’s questions regarding the committee’s composition with the following statement: The University no longer has an Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and the subject of the committee composition has been referred to Amy Lederberg, the Chair of Statutes & Bylaws. In response to SLAC’s second inquiry on how the committee could effectively increase their liaison to faculty, Sally responded that the senate is the representative body to the faculty and the faculty can call a meeting at any time if they are upset. The committee briefly discussed Sally's response.

Student Government Association Vote: The vote to support a Student Fee to fund the Library Transformation passed 11 - 4. The resolution must now go before the Mandatory Fee Committee, FAC-P, the President and then the Board of Regents. A final decision will not be known until Spring 2004. Once passed, the students would not begin to pay the fee until FY05.

Business
The Budget Priorities Subcommittee has been charged with identifying priorities for FY05. The subcommittee is requesting input regarding the priorities of the Senate Library Advisory Committee and a statement of how they fit into the overall University Strategic Plan goals of supporting teaching, learning, scholarship and outreach. Charlene's charge is to interview the committee chair. The subcommittee will evaluate priorities for the use of new funds as well as potential budget cuts. The committee reviewed, discussed and edited a draft copy of SLAC’s response to the subcommittee. Charlene will present the response to the subcommittee.

Natalia Taylor presented a handout illustrating the costs of duplication for electronic and print access to journals. The library subscribes to a large number of journals in paper and electronic format and is seeking input from SLAC on the factors to consider in making decisions. Faculty members are hesitant to convert to electronic only subscriptions because of the fear that the journal may become unavailable electronically. Natalia provided three examples where the library can obtain electronic access to a journal with a legal contract guaranteeing that we will have ongoing electronic access. Switching to online subscriptions would be cost effective for the library. The Collections Council, an organization within the library formed to evaluate journal subscriptions and electronic databases, has formed a subcommittee to conduct an education campaign with the faculty to present the expense of duplication of titles in print and electronic. The library also incurs costs for check-in, binding and staff to shelve and re-shelve issues and/or volumes. Mona added that training and communication is the key. The Costs of Duplication of Electronic and Print Access to Journals will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next SLAC meeting. Mona will send Natalia's handout electronically to committee members not present at today's meeting, with a note asking them to be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. SLAC's assistance is needed to help develop a list of criteria in which we could make decisions.

Announcements/Reports
C. Hurt - 1) Charlene distributed a copy of the Process for Establishing Core Programs and Activities. In the process for examining budgets FAC-P will establish task forces to make recommendations to FAC-P on decision packages. Charlene requested that the Senate Library Advisory Committee be added as a Senate committee representative to serve under the Academic programs section. In an oversight, the group was initially omitted. 2) Charlene distributed copies of the LibQual+ survey results that have been incorporated into a color spiral graph.
Other
The next meeting date is November 13, 2003.
The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.
Recorder: Marketta Pettway