Senate Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 13, 2003
Library South, 7th Fl., LAO Conference Room

Present: Kyle Bruner, Dean Dabney, Paul Farnham, Charlene Hurt, Ralph LaRossa, Peter Lyons, Mona Matthews and Natalia Taylor.

Approval of Minutes
October 16, 2003 minutes were approved as amended.

Welcome/Announcements
Charlene reported that the SFX program is up and running. SFX provides direct links from a database citation to the full text of a subscribed journal article or other full text resource, if available. Users click on a link in a citation to view the list of access options/services including full text access, library availability in the print format, and Interlibrary loan.

The vote to support a Student Fee to fund the Library Transformation has passed unanimously through the Mandatory Fee Committee and FAC-P. The resolution will be presented next to the Board of Regents meeting for final approval, and we'll probably know next spring.

Business
- Consider Strategies for Decreasing Library's Costs for Publications: Due to budgetary shortfalls and increases in periodicals pricing the library is considering moving to electronic only subscriptions for the bulk of our journals from companies that provide reliable archival access. Natalia Taylor presented handouts 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 SLAC's advice on the factors to consider in making decisions. The committee reviewed and discussed the draft of the decision criteria for selecting between electronic-only access, electronic and print access, or print-only access for journals. Mona questioned if the conversion to electronic only access would impact our long-term goal to attain ARL membership and should the more prestigious journals be retained in print? Charlene responded that ARL announced it would accept ownership of electronic repositories where the guarantees were equivalent to the ownership of paper. The committee agreed to support the library's decision to move to electronic only subscriptions for the bulk of our journals from companies which provide reliable archives and meet the set of criteria adopted by the Senate Library Advisory Committee. The cost savings to the library could potentially be $100,000. Peter Lyons made a motion to: 1) as a courtesy send an email to faculty describing the decision made at today's meeting with the Senate Library Advisory Committee's support; 2) alert faculty that the library is faced with difficult decisions and if the budget crises worsens we will be faced with additional decisions. Also add the link to Cornell University Library's website for more information. The motion was opened for discussion. The motion was passed, all were in favor, none opposed.

Announcements/Reports
C. Hurt - 1) The library has decided to purchase books on a "paper-preferred" basis, which will mean that for books published simultaneously in hardcover and paperback cover we will receive the paperback copy. A study conducted by Roger Presley and Joan Stephens revealed that paperback books held up on shelves quite well. This will result in a potential savings of $40,000 per year. 2) When developing Areas of Focus Proposals Charlene asked SLAC members to encourage their colleagues to utilize the library as a resource.

Other
The next meeting scheduled for December 11, 2003 is cancelled.
The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
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