Present: Kyle Bruner, Dean Dabney, Charlene Hurt, John Lee, Ralph LaRossa, Mona Matthews

Welcome to New and Continuing Members
Mona opened the meeting by welcoming new members followed by all members present introducing themselves.

Approval of Minutes
April 29, 2003 minutes were approved

Review Duties of SLAC
The group reviewed the duties of the Senate Library Advisory Committee as outlined in Section 4 of the University Senate Bylaws.

The Library's Progress on Possible SLAC Goals for the Year
Mona asked Charlene to review (SLAC's tentative plans for fall 2003). The two major goals for SLAC in the upcoming year are:

1) ARL membership: Charlene informed the group that due to uncertainty of the budget an application for ARL Membership has not been submitted. The Library anticipates a materials budget increase of $327,000 but the current uncertainty about budget makes this a difficult year for making a commitment to ARL - which would include over $20,000 in dues. Charlene feels the Library qualifies for ARL membership. In order to attain ARL membership a maintenance of effort agreement must be signed and maintained year to year; the University must also maintain a minimum number of doctoral programs and funding for research. The benefits of an ARL membership would be prestige; the ability to attend ARL sponsored training, conferences and participate in grant studies. Dean Dabney questioned if the issue about how the library receives its funding had been resolved with ARL. Charlene added that she had spoken with the Provost and he felt that should not be an issue with ARL. The committee briefly discussed the Library's contingency funding. Dean added that the Library's budget is important and should be placed on a hard budget line. Due to year-end reconciliations the Library's book budget remains undetermined. The librarians have been authorized to spend up to 20% of the previous year's budget and $10,000 has been authorized for the binding of periodicals.

2) Transforming the Library: Charlene distributed the Library's Fall 2003 Newsletter. The newsletter contains an article on Library renovations. Fundraising for renovation projects is a priority. A naming gift in the amount of $35,000 has been received from Carl and Gretchen Patton for the Library's Children's Collection, formerly named the Juvenile Collection. Bill Usery, the former Secretary of Labor, has donated $36,000. The Library received two $25,000 donations. One is an endowment for the Women's Collections and the other is for art books. The International Association of Machinists gave a donation of $125,000 for their Archives. However, $20 million is still needed to complete the project. The next step is to gain student approval for the student fee to help transform the Library. The students are interested in the number and amount of Library contributions received from the University's faculty and staff. The Library's participation in the Faculty/Staff Annual Giving Campaign was 81%. The response to a new fund entitled the Library Excellence fund placed on pledge cards distributed to Alumni has been good. The Library is currently pursuing a naming gift for Pullen Library. Salary savings have also been spent on library projects. The chair and table naming campaign is currently on hold. The President has re-appointed the task force to transform the Library.

Charlene will give a LibQual+ survey update at the next SLAC meeting. The Library scored poorly on the physical plant and environment sections. The score for Affect of Service was high.

Election of SLAC Chair
The floor was opened for nominations. Mona Matthews was nominated by acclamation. The floor closed for nominations. Mona Matthews was unanimously voted as chair of the Senate Library Advisory Committee for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Meeting Dates
Tuesday, September 23, 2003 (2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, October 16, 2003 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
Thursday, November 13, 2003 (1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
Thursday, December 11, 2003 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

Other
The next meeting date is September 23, 2003.
The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
Recorder: Marketta Pettway