Senate Library Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, April 19, 2004  
Library South, 7th Fl., LAO Conference Room

Present:  Kyle Bruner, Dean Dabney, Charlene Hurt, Ralph La Rossa and Ramona Matthews.

Approval of Minutes:  February 24, 2004 were approved as distributed.

Final Meeting for the Year

Library Review Committee:  Joan Carson is seeking a current Senate Library Advisory Committee member to serve as Chair for the Library Review Committee.  Mona Matthews will serve on the Committee and Dean Dabney has been asked to serve as Chair.  Dean will contact Joan to determine if the Chair must be a current SLAC member.

Library Updates
Charlene reported the following:  1) The Board of Regents is scheduled to vote on the student fee during their April 20 – 21, 2004 meetings.  Charlene will notify SLAC via email with the results.  2) The Library received no cuts to its budget as part of the administrative review.  3) Governor Perdue has proclaimed April 20th as Library Workers Day in Georgia.  The Library will recognize the day with a series of events including the Annual Faculty and Staff Authors Event.  4) The Association of Research Libraries currently has a freeze on acceptance of new members in order to review their policy pertaining to membership criteria and procedures.  5) Charlene discussed the Library Transformation and the student fee.

Review of Meeting with Dr. Barbara Dewey
The ASUR Committee has received Dr. Dewey’s final report.  As a result of the committee’s discussion with Dr. Barbara Dewey, the External Reviewer, SLAC Committee Chair, Ramona Matthews identified the following items as possible issues to focus on in the upcoming year.

Encourage the University community’s use of the library’s resources.
The Senate Library Advisory Committee should develop a brochure.
Communicate with the University Community through forums which are co-planned with faculty, staff, and students.
Collaboration between the Library and faculty to discuss scholarly communication.
Discuss possible collaboration with other units.
Discuss ways to expand donor base (Campus-wide campaign, goal setting, strengthen relationship with business community, city).
Discuss the pros and cons of library becoming an academic unit.
Establish ways to store and manage personal citation data base (IT) and discuss further ways that the library and IT can work together.

Possible Actions by SLAC
Dean Dabney suggested that the Senate Library Advisory Committee should focus on defining the group’s major initiatives for the upcoming year.  Charlene suggested the following possible initiatives:

Organize a faculty group for input on specific decisions made and to solicit advice regarding the Library Transformation.
Support development of student-based focus groups to seek student input on the Transformation.
Become informed about and help focus attention on the crisis of Scholarly Communication.
Explore the SSRN Partners in Publishing program
Support creation of an institutional repository.

Dean inquired on the progress of the budget review to replace the Library’s Development Officer.  Charlene reported that a meeting with Nancy Peterman is scheduled to be held on Friday, April 23, 2004 to propose hiring a highly experienced Development Director to be shared by both departments.  Marketta will handle the acknowledgement of gifts to donors.

The following items were suggested as initiatives to discuss at the next Senate Library Advisory Committee meeting.

Scholarly Communication – How can SLAC help raise the issue?  Charlene and Dean suggested creating faculty forums.
Barbara Dewey Report
Input on Transformation Project
Other
The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Recorder: Marketta Pettway