Senate Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2005 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Library South 7th Fl., Conference Room

Present
Brenda Blackwell, Missy Cody, Stephen B. Dobranski, Bill Fritz, Carol Grantham, Charlene Hurt, Ralph LaRossa, Mona Matthews, Dave Pavesic, Ram Sriram and Leonard Teel.

Welcome
Committee members were welcomed and introduced.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes taken at the April 25, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed.

New Business
There was no new business to discuss.

Library Updates
Charlene presented the Library’s Transformation Plan, displayed conceptual schematics and highlighted the following items:

- The architectural firm hired for the Library’s Transformation is Leo A. Daly, the construction firm is Holder Construction Company and the project managers are Carter & Associates.
- Illustrations of the interior expansion of space on Library North were displayed along with selected views of the existing conditions of the library. Charlene explained why changes are needed in those areas.
- The information commons area, located on LN1 will contain Digital Access to Services in a Hurry (DASH). This is an area where students will be able to check their e-mail, pull quick citations, read newspapers, etc. The coffee shop will also be located in this area. This area will contain a grand staircase ascending up to the second floor. An IS&T help desk will also be located in this area to assist students with technology questions.
- The core of the planning is the learning commons area, located on LN2. There students will be able to find a full range of help for projects they’re engaged in.
- There will be a large number of group study rooms.
- The library will continue to have campus police guard security gates.
- The Library Transformation consists of three phases; the cost for the first phase is $20 million (not including furniture) and has been funded primarily through student fees. Funding is needed for the 2nd & 3rd phases; the library plans to receive financial assistance through fundraising and private donors.
- There is a tentative plan to build a lounge for university faculty.
- During the shifting of books, books removed from shelves will be cleaned using a Hepa-vacuum cleaner.
- The library liaisons will move to LS5 or 6. Soundproof consultation rooms will be built within the liaison space.
- Renovations may begin in April 2006; the target date for completion is fall 2007.

Mona Mathews inquired what the committee would do to help facilitate communication with faculty and the campus community during the transformation process. Charlene added that the library’s public relations specialist is working on increasing awareness of what the library is doing in the student newspaper, the alumni newsletter and the staff newsletter. The student representative on the transformation committee is also very active in the process.
Dr. Pavesic inquired if we had any new business to discuss for our next meeting. Charlene informed Dr. Pavesic that the Library’s Materials Budget could be considered “new business.” The increase we received for this year’s budget was not enough to cover inflationary expenses. The library’s budgets are down. Due to budget decreases the library will not apply for ACRL membership this year.

*Additional Discussions:*

Committee members discussed concerns about the poor quality of the photocopiers in the University Library but ultimately determined that the machines are under the purview of Student Services.

Committee members also discussed the need for improving the organization of the collection's stacks and providing more informative maps of the collection, especially as the Library undergoes its transformation.

*Other*

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
The next meeting will not be scheduled until we have new business to discuss
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