Senate Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 29, 2006 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Library South 7th Fl., Conference Room

Present
Brenda Blackwell, Deron Boyles, Missy Cody, Stephen B. Dobranski, Anne Emanuel, Sandra Garber, Charlene Hurt, Eric Le Calvez, Janaia Moore (Recorder), Ram Sriram.

Review of Minutes
The minutes were approved with corrections noted.

Report from the Dean of Libraries, Charlene Hurt
The Library is in the process of preparing a request for the Provost for additional funding to relieve the pressure on our library materials budget that results from several years of higher-than-average inflation in the cost of journal literature with no increases in funding and, in fact, a decrease in funding. They are putting together three packages:

- Enough money to cover one year’s inflationary increase
- Enough money to cover two year’s inflationary increase (for two years of flat funding)
- Enough money to cover the inflationary cost and cover the additional cost of keeping Science Direct’s “Freedom Collection,” which we previously had as part of our participation in the GETS Consortium of the Research Libraries of Georgia.

The members of the committee asked for more detail about the relative costs and it was agreed that that information would be sent to them. After some discussion of the various aspects of access to journal literature, the committee asked what help was needed and Charlene stated that support from faculty is always helpful, and that if a proposal for increased funding goes before FAC-P she’ll alert SLAC members to that date.

Brenda Blackwell asked about the Library’s video collection and how replacements are done. She has found many DVD’s that have been lost or stolen from the collection are never replaced. It was suggested that the library take them out of the catalog if they will not be replaced. Charlene stated that this was a good suggestion and that currently the circulation desk has an online form that has to be filled out to request a replacement. The DVD collection is particularly vulnerable to theft, and the library has poured a lot of money into it and keeping it up to date. Charlene also stated that with the transformation, during January or February, there will be one week where items in the DVD/video collection will not be available for check out. Brenda suggested that if faculty request a DVD/Video prior to the date that the collection will be unavailable, if possible, give a check out extension during that week. Charlene made a note to look into giving faculty members an extension on DVD/Videos checked out during the down week of the collection.

Formation of joint Senate Research/Library Institutional Repository Subcommittee
Thus far the subcommittee members are: Deron Boyles, Ram Sriram, Brenda Blackwell, Michael Eriksen, Paul Farnham, and Ron Wheeler. If anyone else would like to join this committee please contact Missy Cody. The advisory group should represent the various units at the University. The time commitment will be early spring through before the Spring SLAC meeting. The work should be complete during the spring semester. If it needs to continue, we will restructure it. We may find that parts can be done in the spring, then other parts later.

The committee’s charge is to: Work with the University Library’s IR Committee.
The Library is likely to be represented by: Tammy Sugarman, Sara Fuchs, Laura Burtle, and William (Bill) Walsh.

Sandra Garber inquired as to whether or not there would be any value in asking anyone from Institutional Research if they would like to participate. Missy stated that she will see if they are interested, and by doing this, they will at least be knowledgeable about what is going on.

Other New Business
There was no new business to discuss.

Hard Hat Tour of Construction area
A hard hat tour of the Library North area under construction immediately followed the close of the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2007.