Senate Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2007 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Library South 7th Fl., Conference Room

Present
Deron Boyles, Stephen B. Dobranski, Charlene Hurt, Nancy Johnson, Janaia Moore (Recorder),
Bill Prigge.

Review of Minutes
The minutes from the September 10, 2007 meeting were approved.

Report from the Dean of Libraries, Charlene Hurt

Budget
FACP met and the Provost announced there would be no additional money distributed. Hugh Hudson
said they will meet again on Wednesday, 10/10/2007 for a more thorough explanation, but the
information may or may not have an impact on things.

Humanities faculty got together and voted that their high priority item they would like the Library to
acquire is 19th century American Newspapers, with their second priority Early English Books Online.
The Library has been working on a very good price for EEBO, which has long been requested. .
Charlene has been working with Carol Winkler, on a possibility that there may be an agreement that
would allow both the 19th Century American Newspapers and the Early English books online to be
purchased.

Book Shelving
A professional consultant is being hired to help the Library decide the ultimate layout of the
collection. Bids have been received by Purchasing, and a consultant will be hired soon. The
consultation and then move of the collection may be completed during the Winter break. This is being
spearheaded by Laura Burtle. This will be a reorganization of the books themselves, not the shelving.
All the shelving has not been installed yet. It was previously suggested that the information about
these plans for collection moves be publicized more and even placed on the Library’s website to
increase positive public relations information regarding the collection locations. Since the increased
publication of this information, positive feedback from faculty has been received.

Grand Opening
The Library Grand Opening event will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 11 a.m. on
Library North -2nd floor. The guest speaker will be Carl Patton, who is the Library’s biggest donor to
the Transformation project. The other speaker will be a student speaking about how the new library
has affected his ability to do research, and Charlene Hurt will do introductions. A preview “sneak
peek” reception will be held for faculty on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 4 - 6p.m. on the 3rd
Floor Link between Library North and South. Please bring another faculty member as your guest.
Invitations will go out to SLAC members, department chairs, deans and associate deans, and faculty
liaisons to the library. To RSVP contact Natalie Blake at: nblake@gsu.edu or 404-413-2707.

Library Institutional Repository Subcommittee, Deron Boyles
• This committee was established last year as a joint committee with Senate Research and the Senate
Library Advisory Committee (SLAC), and was being co-chaired by Tammy Sugarman and Ram Sriram.
Deron Boyles gave a report to the Senate advising them that the name of the subcommittee is going to
be changed, and the committee would like to recruit at least one more person. The committee’s charge is to advise on policies and procedures for implementing the Georgia State University (GSU) Institutional Repository, assist in marketing and promoting the Institutional Repository within his/her department and college, and develop a name for the Institutional Repository. For the Institutional Repository to be successful, the support of faculty is needed. Ram Sriram will be contacted to find out whether or not he will act as co-chair this year, or if Tammy Sugarman will chair this committee alone.

- If you would like to be a part of the Institutional Repository Subcommittee, please contact Deron Boyles.

Other Business

- Topic of discussion was brought up regarding whether what faculty believe the mission of the Library should be, differs from what the Library believes the mission is. There seems to be differences on whether the Library should be a storage place or a place where we have items that are most in use. Charlene Hurt stated that with the Library’s urban location and not a lot of space or remote storehouses, the Library has to emphasize keeping materials that are used and attempt to rely on electronic collections for archiving information when possible rather than hard copy. Not keeping the hard copy is a hard tradition to get away from for many, including librarians. Charlene stated the Library does have an obligation to preserve scholarly records that it holds uniquely, but to think of the Library as the holder of archival quality books is to not recognize the Library has not had proper heating and cooling systems for the preservation, as well as smoking was allowed in the Library for many years. Deron Boyles stated that the search committee had been established for Charlene’s replacement upon retirement, and the topic of the Library’s mission may be something that faculty would like to have candidates address when here for interviews.

- Hazardous Materials Incident on Friday, October 5th caused the Library to be closed down at 2:30 p.m. We were instructed by firemen to evacuate the building and send employees home because the HVAC systems were not going to be scrubbed until 7 p.m. and the Library was set to close at 6 p.m. that day.

- Discussion was brought up regarding how the new Library hours were going. Charlene stated the Library is planning to expand its Saturday and Sunday hours. Currently there are no statistics to see how the new midnight hour closing is doing. There is a possibility of having pre and post Saxby’s coffee shop data to show numbers of users within the Library. Entrance into Saxby’s will be through the Library North entrance for security reasons, therefore Saxby’s will be tied to the Library hours. Saxby’s will not be open by the November 15th Grand Opening event. Library North doors will be re-opened, and everything in Library North will be completed, except Saxby’s, hopefully by the end of October. Saxby’s plans to have a presence at the Grand Opening. It is being proposed by Mark Lawson that a portion of Saxby’s rent be put into the Library’s budget, though this has not been confirmed. As of right now, a lease has not been signed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2007.