Senate Library Committee Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2008 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Library South 7th Fl., Conference Room

Present
Elizabeth Beck, Deron Boyles, Murray Brown, Laura Burtle, Florian Enescu, John Kesner, Janaia Moore (Recorder), Dave Pavesic, Bill Prigge, Nancy Seamans, Tammy Sugarman, Leonard Teel, Katherine Willoughby.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the 8/25/08 meeting were approved with minor editorial edits.

Various Updates from Dean Nancy H. Seamans

Budget (discussion led by Tammy Sugarman)
Galileo canceled several, about twenty, abstract databases that were included in Galileo. They were Cambridge Scientific Abstract databases (Abstract and Index databases). We picked up two that were deemed essential (Sociology Abstract and Social Services Abstract). The rest of the databases we felt had enough coverage from the other databases to cover the cancellations. This is just the beginning of things that may happen with Galileo.
Our Web of Science contract, we get a price break because Galileo subscribes to the Current Contents database. Galileo is considering cancelling Current Contents, which would affect the price break we are receiving. Would be an increase of about $50-$60K per year.

GIL Express (discussion led by Laura Burtle)
GIL Express was canceled shortly, but the Board of Regents was able to locate funds to keep it going through the end of the 2008 calendar year. Various committees have been looking at different options to locate funds. The majority of costs for GIL Express come from shipping. In the past we’ve used two day UPS service, which is no longer an option due to funding. Looking at possibly partnering with the Georgia Public Library System as another option to keep our sharing of resources going. Though there is a lot of concern about what will happen, we will continue to provide this service regardless of how we fund it.

Organization Structure
The Catalog department has someone retiring after thirty years, so we felt it would be a good time to look at our processes and structuring. This started with the Technical Services area headed by Tammy Sugarman, and is now moving onto the Digital Services area headed by Laura Burtle. These are just two areas we are looking at with the hopes of finding different ways of structuring and providing new and different ways of providing resources. Hopefully this will not have us looking at a major re-org.

Looking Into the Future (handout provided)
Handout and discussion covered Library items that will be looked at in the Immediate Future (budget, personnel and space needs), and some Two to Five Year Initiatives (information literacy, spaces, outreach, scholarly communications, technology, and Association of Research Libraries membership).

Committee Priorities, Deron Boyles, Chair
Discussions were held as to what item(s) Deron should take to the Committee of Chairs from the Senate that will be presented to the new Georgia State University President as a Library priority (the meeting will be the first week of February). It was decided that the top priority would be to pursue membership in the Association of Research Libraries. ARL Statistics are available at http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/arl/. More detailed information/data links will be provided to the committee by Nan Seamans regarding this in the near future.

**Other Business**

Digital Archives-There is not a set number of items we are working towards having included. Our subject librarians are continuously recruiting for material to add, and we are also looking at the possibility of using a different technology/product to run it.

IS&T-The Senate Joint Committee is taking a look into the IS&T department. Questions were posed as to whether or not the Library had any issues they would like brought in and discussed regarding IS&T and the Library. As of right now, there are no issues the Library would like brought forward.

Nancy Johnson of the Law Library, and member of this committee, has been out ill, but recovering. The committee’s thoughts are with Nancy and her family during this time.

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.**

The next meeting will be set at a later date.