Senate Library Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 31, 2009  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Library South 7th Fl., Conference Room

Present  
Members: Beth Gyllys, Deron Boyles, Dave Pavesic, Nancy Johnson, Tammy Sugarman, Nan Seamans, Katherine Willoughby, Audrey Goodman, Michael Weeks, Florian Enescu, Pamela Lucas  
(Recorder)  
Staff Senate Representative: Bill Prigge

Approval of Minutes  
Motion to approve the amended minutes from the 4/20/09 meeting was called by Dave Pavesic and seconded by Michael Weeks. The motion was approved unanimously.

Various Update (discussion by Nancy Seamans)

New Library Policies: Dean Seamans provided a brief update on changes made to several library policies: Library Conduct Policy, Patron Food and Drink Policy, Library Access, and Law Enforcement Visits, Receipt of Court Orders and other Requests from Attorneys. Most significant are changes to the Library Access policy which seeks to better serve the student and research population. Changes include limiting access to the general public to regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Brief update on conversations w/Provost Palm: Dean Seamans briefly discussed her upcoming meeting with Provost Palm. The meetings direction will be formed by five preliminary questions sent to each Dean. From the perspective of the library the topics of space allocation and university focus will be paramount in this discussion.

Update – Serial Cancellation Project: Ms. Sugarman provided an update on the serial cancellation project. A list of 757 titles was provided for faculty and librarian comments, and 441 titles have been cancelled for a savings of approximately $390K. The cancellations will take effect January 2010. This process will be done annually.

Other Business – Chairman Boyles posed the idea of thinking creatively to identify a student fee that could be utilized as a funding stream to offset some of the impact of cost cutting efforts such as journal cancellations. It was noted that the current student library fee will be in place for several years. Dean Seamans will investigate how many years are left on the collection of that fee.

Motion to Adjourn  
Motion by Dave Pavesic and seconded by Michael Weeks

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2009 @3pm
Addendum #1

Section: Other Business

The Library Transformation Fee has between 5 and 7 years remaining (depending upon interest rates and expense each year). It is also a facility type of fee and is currently scheduled to sunset. The Regents balked at this fee and it took some work to get them to approve it. It may be difficult to get them to extend it or use it as a library support fee.

Another option would be for the committee to develop new funding plans for the Library that could compete for new funds (when we hopefully have them in 2 or 3 years).