

MINUTES – UNIVERSITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, October 7, 2002

Present: Steve Branz (chair), Diana Wu, Ji-Mei Chang, Annette Nellen, Patricia Breivik, Andy Wood, Shirley Reekie, John Pollock (for Allison Heisch), JoBell Whitlatch, Michael Gorman, Arvinder Loomba, Bernice Redfern, Blanche Woolls

1. Announcements : Implications of state budget cuts; the library will be dipping into its subsidy to keep buying power where it is currently.
2. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes.
3. Further discussion of fundraising letter; various sections of the letter were reviewed for specificity, tone, nuance, etc. Possibility of offering a special "pre-opening" tour of the library was considered
4. Inventory. Jo Whitlatch presented a report summarizing the inventory of missing books. The good news was that overall only about 5.7% items overall appeared to be missing, and this figure is thought to be likely to be reduced . Overall, Senter Road reported a 6.8 % figure while Clark reported 4.7%.
5. Policy Resolutions. Discussion of policy resolutions regarding eating and drinking. There followed a detailed review of the policy document resulting in the deletion of the resolution prohibiting food and drink (Resolution 3.3.2) and the substitution of language indicating the successful results of the pilot eating and drinking experiment. All present voted in favor of the resolution 13-0.
6. Five Year Plan. A recommendation was entertained to review the current five-year assessment process as described in the ULB Binder. Given the state budgetary situation, Dean Breivik indicated that she thought a reasonable strategy would be to consider those aspects of the plan now, which required no new dollars and to defer other more costly items until a better economic climate. (For example the articulation of a new program policy for information resources in the form of a letter to new programs). By the same token, the more long term strategies, e.g. commitment to a realistic annual inflationary increment and the restoration of the funding base to FY 1990/91 were deemed to be of some ultimate priority for the new library and therefore of note for ULB consideration.

Meeting adjourned. Next ULB meeting October 21, 2002
Respectfully submitted: Mike Gorman