

University Library Board
Minutes
Meeting of February 11, 2002

Present: Heisch, Breivik, Kauppila, McNeil, Barnsley, Nellen, Wu, Reekie, Freeman, Martinez, Branz, Woolls, Stroh, Gorman, and Whitlatch (guest)

1. We introduced ourselves to Paul Kauppila, librarian and new member.
2. The minutes of Feb. 4 were approved as corrected. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.
3. Nellen reported from the Executive Committee that there are no reactions as yet to our communications about the weeding project and proposed changes in procedures.
4. Breivik noted that the worst case scenario for the fall is an enrollment increase and a 5% budget cut. If there is to be enrollment growth funding, Breivik will negotiate for the Library's share in this.
5. Nellen, with Breivik's cooperation, has arranged for telephone numbers rather than Social Security numbers being used to identify library patrons. Further changes may be possible with the advent of CMS.
6. Faculty recommendations for library purchases can be done on line now. A printout of the Library's Faculty Services pages was distributed.
7. The Joint Library Committee's mission statement, as approved by the Joint Library Subcommittee, was distributed.
8. We discussed and modified the text of a proposed new "Food and Drink Policy." The trial period to test this will be a useful experience on which to base our recommendations for the new MLK Library; the pilot project should be done before recommending any policy change to the Senate. Nellen will seek a waiver from the Executive Committee so that a formal policy recommendation is not needed at this time. We also discussed ways of publicizing the trial of the new policy. Next time we will discuss assessment of the pilot project. Breivik and Heisch will circulate a final draft of our proposal by email.
9. Breivik provided background information on the desirability of enhanced library support for faculty scholarly and professional activities. Faculty are not all aware of the electronic journals -- 12,000 of them -- full-text databases, and other resources available through the Library. The next issue of "Books and Bytes" will provide some information about this. More faculty should take a fresh look at what the Library offers; if they were better aware of services and research resources, faculty might be more supportive of the Library and its needs. Faculty should browse this information starting at the Faculty

Services page (Whitlatch will email the URL to us). Faculty might also be invited to subscribe to news and updates relevant to their academic interests, and provided with more orientation and contact with librarians.

10. More faculty publications are needed for a display at the Graduate "Expo" Day, April 25 at the Event Center. Other ways of showcasing faculty scholarly accomplishments should be sent to Whitlatch. Future such events could publicize faculty publications of the past year, perhaps with poster sessions advertising faculty accomplishments. We do not know if the "expo" format would permit faculty speakers. Other possibilities could include more faculty gatherings when productive faculty share their work with each other. We will revisit the issue of support for faculty scholarly and professional activities.

11. At our next meeting we will discuss fundraising with the Library Development Officers. The Mildred Gentry Winters fund, and the Mary Condon fund, of the History Department generate \$7000-\$9000 per year for acquisitions. Other such funds would be fine gifts or bequests, and emeriti/ae could help solicit these because of their personal connections.

12. We will take up procedures for encouraging responsible use of computer terminals in the Library, at our next meeting, March 4.

13. Allison Barnsley was presented by Associated Students President Martinez with a gift preparatory to going on maternity leave.

Adjourned 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David McNeil, Recording Secretary