

Minutes, University Library Board 2-19-01

Present: Heisch, Breivik, McNeil, Klingberg, Wu, Loomba, Branz, Freeman, Rickford, Brent

1. We met in the PAD (Planning & Development, aka "war room"), and Breivik pointed out the posted lists of Joint Library teams' tasks.
2. Minutes of Dec. 4, 2000 were approved as corrected. Minutes of February 5, 2001 were approved as corrected.
3. At least one student has expressed interest in serving on the Library Board.
4. On March 5 we will adjourn early to attend a meeting to express appreciation to search committee members.
5. Breivik reported that the Special Collections focus groups have been well attended. The Douglas-Wendel subcommittee has suggested areas of literature for focus and development, and at Prof. Roth's suggestion, the Burdick Military Center board will serve as a focus group for the military history collection in Special Collections.
6. KTEH is proposed to loan us a collection of prints before selling them; we might later suggest a task force or subcommittee for relating a potential exhibition of these prints to the academic mission of the campus. Robert Milnes might be contacted for assistance or advice. This could well be tied into what may prove to be an annual "SJSU History Day," and Jon Roth and Annette Nellen will be approached about this. We will have to see whether or how all this relates to the pending presidential directive on the display of campus art.
7. Breivik reported on a conversation with Sourisseau Academy board members about a possible seed grant for getting a "history of the Joint Library" project. The Library Development Officer will get this going, and the Library Board will expect to be involved in the eventual project. History student interns might also become involved.
8. Faculty donors of publications and creative work are soon to be approached, and Provost Goodman has expressed interest in linking this project to a regular celebration of faculty scholarship.
9. Freeman is soliciting donations from Engineering faculty to purchase some recent books (as the engineering acquisitions budget is taken up with journals).
10. Breivik is meeting with the English and History departments to discuss library plans, and she would like to meet with still other departments.
11. Brent reported that the wireless technology project requested by the Library was approved by the Lottery Committee and the Senate Executive Committee.

12. Loomba and Wu reported on the Joint City/Library Board meeting of 2-5-01 and on the suggestion that in the fall there be a joint meeting of both full groups. Benchmarking focus groups and the use of appropriately adaptable technology were discussed as well, with especially interesting contributions by Library Commissioner Jim King of Adobe Systems. The two groups meetings now, before really thorny issues arise, might develop protocols for problem-solving in the future. The group also heard about fund-raising, with large grants from the Hewlett Foundation, the Mercury-News, and the Brandenburg family. Other partnerships and activities are envisaged (e.g. with the Plane Tree and Sourisseau organizations).

13. The Senter Road sale schedule was distributed, with a report on who participated on February 8-11. About \$2000 may have been raised by the "community" sale; Acquisitions did the pricing. Five other libraries took items. The Executive Committee of the Senate was concerned that the sale was not publicized adequately, or far enough in advance. In retrospect, the community (including faculty and students) might have had access to the sale before the vendors. There was resentment that items were sold before faculty had an opportunity to purchase them. When the remaining duplicates are freely available to faculty, staff, and students (Feb. 26 -March 9, regular hours of 2-6 on Monday, 9-12 on Tuesday, and 1-4 on Wednesday), there may be a staffing problem. Yellow warning tape will be used to isolate the Senter Road collection from the discarded duplicates.

14. Brent raised the Executive Committee's concern that there be more and better communication, to or from department liaisons perhaps. Again, where there are questions or problems, Dean Breivik would like to visit with departments. Cindy Margolin and the Associate Deans might also be visited.

15. We received advance copies of Volume I, Issue I, of "Books and Bytes," the quarterly library newsletter of SJSU.

16. We viewed the 10-minute Wayne State video "Information Power," used in a required freshman orientation course.

17. We received copies of the "Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education" booklet endorsed by the AAHE, an excerpt from Patricia Breivik's book. We also received the CSU "core competencies" statement (from Susan Curzon of CSUN and COLD) and were introduced to the difficulties of assessing information competence learning outcomes. Richard Serpe is directing a five-year longitudinal study about this that began in spring 2000. The CSU is a leader, so far, in promoting and assessing information competence, but further progress will depend on faculty involvement. Meanwhile, interim reports are available at <http://library.csun.edu/susan.curzon/corecomp.html>

A particular problem for us in California is that high school libraries and librarians were decimated after Proposition 13. At our next meeting we will ask Vida Kenk and Lee

Dorosz to talk with us about how Information Competence might be integrated better into our curricula. Jo Whitlatch recommended the model approach on P. 36 of the Breivik book.

18. Adjournment at 4 p.m.

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