

University Library Board, Meeting of April 2, 2001: Minutes

Present: Stroh, Brent, Wu, Klingberg, Heisch, Breivik, McNeil, Loomba, Branz, Barnsley, Woolls, Rickford, Stroh, Whitlatch (guest)

1. We introduced ourselves to Pat Stroh, new member. We will meet with Vida Kenk next time.
2. Approval of the March 12 minutes was postponed because of a glitch in the Recording Secretary's communications technology.
3. Whitlatch presented a draft memo and pie chart about collection allocations. We will get \$204,000 more for acquisitions in the base budget. For the previous two years, acquisitions increases came from one-time lottery funds. The Library Board (and our predecessor body) approved guidelines for past allocations. This time we need to be especially careful about how to use these State monies, for now and in subsequent years that they remain in the base budget. To date we have noted national trends (where subscriptions outweigh one-time purchases such as books by more than our own 2:1 ratio). Because some departments require more book purchases and other require more subscriptions – and there may be even greater need for subscriptions to electronic materials for some areas -- there may be good reason to shift the relative sizes of these overall categories. We expect that there will be even more demand for electronic materials once these become more accessible. CSU-wide databases are not counted in the base acquisitions budget. The books and one-time purchases, once about 40% of the total, come to about 1/3 now and probably should not be reduced. If, then, electronic database subscriptions grow in cost, then there will be some overall reduction the percentage devoted to printed (and microform) periodicals. Branz noted that it would be useful to get a breakdown of present costs of discipline-specific versus cross/multi-discipline electronic materials. Another equity issue is that some disciplines' journals have increased more in cost than those of others; this might argue for changes in any "formula." We discussed the varieties of one-time purchases, the pros and cons of purchasing data bases, the advantages of having journals in print form, and the importance of making assignment that encourage students to make the best use of the best available materials.
4. Whitlatch presented a change in the calendar for the weeding project, which has been slowed a bit because some Senter Road monograph duplicates that were kept are not to be reviewed again. Separate lists will be created for serials, which could be reviewed sooner than the monographs. Some departments will review shelves at Senter Road. About fifteen departments have not submitted their profile forms yet, and the Associate Deans may be asked to encourage compliance.
5. Clark Library hours have been extended; opening will be a half hour earlier weekdays, remaining open to midnight, opening an hour earlier and closing an hour later on weekends (Saturday 11-6 and Sundays 12-9). There will be an increased police presence and escort services Sunday through Thursday nights.

6. We received a report on shared resources (Link-Plus, Interlibrary Loan, with e-books TBA). SJSU is a "net lender," with a 65:35 ratio of lending to borrowing. Link-Plus is supposed to be quicker and more user-friendly, but the borrower now has to check at the Circulation desk. (Borrowers can also look at their own circulation records to see when Link-Plus books come in.) We need to encourage our users to borrow more from other libraries; our "retrospective" collection is of course much richer than most (being older), which helps explain why we "lend" so much more than others do. The thirteen Link-Plus institutions combined have a total of over four times as many unique titles as we own.

7. Our meeting on April 16 will probably be in the "PAD." At the meeting of the 30th we must elect a Chair for next year.

8. Adjourned at 4:03.

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