

University Library Board
Meeting of September 17, 2001
Minutes

Present: McNeil, Breivik, Heisch, Wu, Loomba, Nelson, Nellen, Barnsley, Gorman, Stroh, Martinez, Branz, Freeman, Woolls. Guest Whitlatch, McDermand, and Reekie (soon to be a member).

1. New and old members were introduced and greeted. The agenda was approved as amended. Breivik distributed advance copies of "Books and Bytes" (Vol. I, Issue 3).
2. We recalled our 5/14/01 meeting and a subsequent meeting about budgetary matters.
3. D. Wu will join Loomba and Heisch as the ULB representatives to the CSJ/SJSU Joint Library Subcommittee.
4. Bob McDermand discussed the November 10 (Saturday) "Showcase for Learning" event, where up to 10,000 visitors are expected. The Library booth will involve digital photos of individual visitors "photoshopped" into a simulated view of the JL reading room. There will be a raffle associated with the "e-literate" video and art display in Clark.
5. Nellen and McDermand discussed the MUSE program and the role of the Library and information competence in it. Students in the program will engage in active learning (there will be ca. 100 seminars @ 15 students). The Library will help the faculty with resources for the seminars and will explain more about this at the mandatory January 14-15 MUSE workshop. There will also be informational meetings on October 17 and 18. S. Branz is also on the MUSE Seminar Planning Committee. The seminars will be publicized on a web site and by brochures.
6. Heisch and Breivik reported on some recent accomplishments. The Sourisseau Academy has given the Library a grant to work on a history of the JL. Faculty publications are to be collected systematically again, thanks to a successful lottery grant application. Ultimately, faculty articles will be digitized. These ideas originated in the ULB.
7. Breivik reported an additional \$3 million, CSU-wide, in funds for acquisitions; our share will be \$150,000, a "one-time" increase. There will also be electronic books and reference works paid through Systemwide funds. Our anticipated \$204,000 increase for acquisitions in the base budget was vetoed by the Governor.
8. For the first time in many years, all Librarian positions are filled, including a Director of Information Technology and two new Reference Librarians.

9. The Library has improved journal access by listing all periodical holdings on the redesigned (and friendlier) webpage. It would also be useful to list department liaisons on the webpage, along with more basic “how to” information. Heisch will compile such a list, with our help. This is related to the information competence “team” (Belanger the chair, with Diana Wu, Charity Hope, Tina Peterson, et al). The School of Library and Information Science has an “introduction to the Library” (streaming video) on its home page.
10. We discussed the Library’s relationship with the IRC, which was once under the Library but no longer has an independent budget for buying videos. A task force might study this.
11. Whitlatch distributed a one-page discussion outline about “Journal Management: Development of Principles.” This is about increasing electronic resources, with a corresponding decline in print journal subscriptions and binding. Document delivery may be a better choice than ongoing subscriptions for some journals, given limitations of our resources. An up to 2% increase in acquisitions budget will not pay for an 8% increase in journal costs. Owning bound journals that are seldom used is costly. A different paradigm—however unfamiliar or unpopular with faculty—may be needed. We discussed criteria for shifting from bound paper copies to (for example) “cost per use” and the possibility of sharing journals with other CSUs (perhaps on a northern and southern regional storage facility basis). Complete use of journals will be surveyed this fall, as we consider trade-offs (and, specifically, giving up subscriptions—for which we have one of the highest binding budgets in the CSU—in favor of electronic subscriptions). We are committed to a major study this year so that faculty have adequate background information along with ULB recommendations. This will be an opportunity for us to study a complex issue and report to the faculty so that we have a plan for making decisions about what we will bind in the future. COLD may also be studying these issues, including the possibility of regional depositories of archived paper copies of journals. We will continue this discussion at our next meeting. Preliminary responses to the questions posed on the “Principles” sheet can be emailed to Jo Whitlatch.
12. The Library will not accept boxes of miscellaneous “outside” donations and will turn these over to the City Library. Faculty and emeritus faculty donations of collections and high quality items—including things of interest for Special Collections—are always welcome.
13. Adjournment at 3:53.

Respectfully submitted, David McNeil, ULB Recording Secretary