

**San Jose State University Library Board Minutes**  
**October 29th, 2007**

**Attendees:** Celia Bakke, Anthony Bernier, Ji Mei Chang, Richard Chung, Laurel Cox, Jean Luc Desalvo, Patrick Fleming, Ruth Kifer, Danelle Moon, Kenneth Peter, Tina Peterson, Maureen Smith and Beth Von Till.

**Transcriber:** Candice McGee

**Absent:** Benjamin Henderson and Art Walton

**Special Guests:** **Jane Light, Director SJ Public Library**

**1. Approval of minutes from October 15.**

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**2. Updates**

A. Advancement (Peter)

Ken Peter corresponded with the Vice President of Advancement, Fred Najjar, regarding the possibility of the library receiving a portion of future endowments to other colleges on campus for their library collections. Ken stated that Fred would consider discussing this at a future meeting, the following participants would be asked to attend, Judith Lessow-Hurley, Ruth Kifer, Alyssa Byrkit and Ken Peter, this meeting is in the process of being scheduled.

B. Subcommittees (Peter)

Ken Peter noted that the lists of names below are the members who volunteered to participate on subcommittees.

Information Literacy:

Chair: Ji-Mei Chang

Laurel Cox

Beth Von Till

Richard Chung

Tina Peterson

Digital Information

Chair: Celia Bakke

Jean-Luc Desalvo

Danelle Moon

Patrick Fleming

Art Walton

Maureen Smith noted that she had volunteered to participate in a subcommittee and had sent Ken an email regarding this. Ken noted that he would look for the email and add her name to the appropriate list.

**3. Discussion: Censorship, proposed City ordinance.**

Ken Peter discussed the recent events surrounding Councilman Constant's comments on Internet Filters, the television news coverage and articles written about the MLK and other public libraries that are having problems with pornography within the libraries. Ken quoted from the Universities policy S-03-54, section 3.4 "Academic Feed and freedom of information".

Ken also quoted from the Joint Library Ownership and Operation agreement; section 5.4 on "Intellectual Freedom". Both were handed out to the board.

In summary Dean, Ruth Kifer noted that the City of San Jose can not sanction the University programs.

Dean Kifer explained that she had met with President Don Kassing, Provost Carmen Sigler and Patricia Harris regarding the University stance on this matter. President Kassing will be meeting with the university attorney, regarding this matter.

Ken Peter stated that he did not believe the City Council would make any decision regarding the filters until 2008. Ken noted that the Senate should pass a resolution prior to the City Council decision. The ULB will draft a resolution and present it to the Senate before December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ken Peter proposed a ULB meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> to finalize the draft of the Senate Resolution that he will be sending to the board for review. Patrick Flemming and Anthony Bernier will collaborate with Ken on this resolution. Members who can not attend the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting can send in their comments and suggestions prior to the November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Special guest, Jane Light, Director of the San Jose Public Libraries came to speak. Jane Light gave a summary of what she felt would be discussed at the next City Rules Committee on November 14. She noted that there would likely be discussion on the city attorney's legal opinion; hostile work place; how much it would cost to filter the computers; staff training and how much will the city not get from Federal funding.

Jane Light stated that the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. library receives approximately 2.5 million visitors per year; approximately 700 thousand of these visitors are logged in users, she noted that within the current calendar year she has only received 3 complaints from the branches and 12 comment cards sent directly to her regarding pornography.

**4. Adjourn**