

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE

1-2:30PM

238 Morrill Hall

Friday, June 4, 1999

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In these minutes:

Coordinate Campus Updates, Review of 1998-99 Issues, Agenda Items for 1999-00, Trends & Issues In Developing Collections Of Electronic Journals

## MINUTES

**Present:** Peter Wells, Chair; Tom Shaughnessey, Karen Fischer, Jill Gidmark, Julia Kelly, James Orf, Philip Portoghese, Richard Richards, Paul Ruden, Robert Seidel, Warren Warwick, Elizabeth Benson Johnson for Bill Sozansky

**Guest:** Jim Cogswell from the Library Collections Development Team

**Regrets:** Owen Williams, Lisa Norling, Amy Myrbo

**Absent:** Joan Howland, Mathur Kannan, Barbara Martinson, Jesse Grenz, Michael Schurter

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The Library Committee met at 1PM on Friday, June 4, 1999 in 238 Morrill Hall on the East Bank Campus on the University of Minnesota. The minutes from the May 7, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

### COORDINATE CAMPUS UPDATES.

Morris - The computer system will be upgraded for Y2K compliance beginning June 12, 1999.

Duluth - The projected completion date for the new library building is fast approaching; it is expected that they will begin moving into the building approximately July, 2000.

### REVIEW OF 1998-99 ISSUES.

Tom Shaughnessey, Director of the University Libraries, hoped to say that the highlight of the year was the endorsement from the Library Committee of the report of the task force on the future of the libraries. Although Executive Vice President and Provost Bob Bruininks favorably endorsed the report, he felt uncomfortable requesting over \$10 million from the legislature, so the amount requested was decreased to \$9 million over the biennium. The

Governor then cut it in half to \$4.5 million and now is at \$1.5 million in nonrecurring funds and \$1.2 million in recurring funds. Dr. Shaughnessey noted that the report was strong, but that it was unfortunate that few of the dreams in the report will be realized in this biennium.

When asked about the affect of IMG on the library funds, Dr. Shaughnessey replied that the deans have been told that there will be an assessment levy made on tuition revenues to support central services, such as the libraries. These funds may help the libraries, but the exact amounts awarded to the libraries have not yet been determined. He added that EVPP Bruininks will decide how the money will be allocated.

Dr. Shaughnessey also thanked the Library Committee for their support with the policy on nonaffiliated borrowing, the inclusion of the libraries in the capital campaign, and the policy on offensive materials.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR 1999-00.**

The following issues were discussed and identified as possible agenda items for the 1999-00 academic year:

- The new MNLink system will affect all libraries in Minnesota by replacing the Lumina system, coordinate campus on-line systems, and PALS system in other libraries across the state. It will be a single, integrated library system connecting all libraries; the first phase is called the gateway.
- The next new software enhancement for CIC virtual interlibrary connections for the Big 10 Universities will be installed this summer.
- The investment of funds for collaborative projects to digitize various library materials; Dr. Shaughnessey will need advice from the Library Committee on its participation in these projects.

### **TRENDS & ISSUES IN DEVELOPING COLLECTIONS OF ELECTRONIC JOURNALS.**

Jim Cogswell, Head of the Library Collections Development Team, attended the meeting to present members of the Library Committee with information on the trends and issues in developing collections of electronic journals and texts. He began his presentation by providing the following facts:

- There are over 5.5 million volumes of books/periodicals in the twin cities library.
- The number of materials in print is a misleading measure of library collections due to electronic collections.
- There are 70,000 searches logged daily of the University Library access, most being MNCAT.
- The trend of electronic collections has grown steadily since the fall of 1992.
- In 1994, about 8% of the library budget was spent on computer files, which rose to 12% last year.

Mr. Cogswell stated that the libraries would need print as well as electronic services in the foreseeable future for the following reasons:

1. Contrary to popular belief, the library does not save money by shifting to electronic services since it's actually more costly than print. He added that publishers require a minimum number of print copies ordered in addition to an order for electronic services; if the University does not order the minimum number of print copies, the charges for the electronic files increase.
2. In addition, relying totally on electronic collection carries considerable risk. The high volatility of the electronic marketplace leads to the possibility that electronic files may not always be available in the future.

Mr. Cogswell reported that the University Library has tried to be proactive by working with libraries across the U.S. to combat increasing costs resulting in: 1) large discounts through Minitex; 2) negotiating contracts with CIC; and 3) competitive alternatives to increase costs of scholarly journals through SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition).

Committee members agreed that the University Libraries needs to gather information on how the electronic resources are being used, since so much money is being spent in this area, and decided that it should be an issue for discussion next year.

The committee thanked Professor Peter Wells for his outstanding service as Chair of the 1998-99 Library Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.