

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 28, 1998

300 Morrill Hall

3:00 PM

In these minutes:

Rate and Fee Proposal, Annual Senate Report, Library Task Force, Final Report from the Chair

MINUTES

Present: Gerhard Weiss (Chair); Peggy Johnson, Barbara Martinson, Owen Williams, Ben Ridgway, Mark Zell, Mathur Kannan, James Orf, Peter Wells, Phillip Portoghese, Ari Hoptman, Warren Warwick, Linda Jorn, Amy Gregoret

Regrets: Karen Fischer, Thomas Shaughnessey, Bill Sozansky, Julia Kelly, Robert McMaster, Bruce Moskowitz

Absent: Joan Howland, Richard Richards

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The University of Minnesota Senate Library Committee met at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 28, 1998 in 300 Morrill Hall on the East Bank of the University of Minnesota.

MINUTES.

The minutes from the Library Committee meeting held in April, 1998 were approved as written.

RATES AND FEES PROPOSAL.

The "University Libraries: Non-ISO Rate and Fee Proposal" was discussed in great detail. Ms. Johnson informed the committee that the proposal had been drafted in response to requests made by central administration in connection with the University Libraries Strategic Compact document. The library system had been asked to develop a fee structure to recover at least part of the cost incurred in the delivery of documents to all users requesting special services, including on- and off-campus deliveries of materials in the University collections, delivery of electronic articles when the Library is charged on a per-article basis, and interlibrary loan services.

The following points were made during a discussion on the proposal:

- While librarians are engaged in teaching (classroom presentations, hands-on instruction of library use on site, reference assistance, etc.), the library does not collect any tuition revenues.

- To charge students or faculty for specific services (such as interlibrary loan or on-campus deliveries) would create an administrative nightmare and necessitate an accounting structure that may be more costly than the revenue generated.
- A library user fee for students and faculty might be considered (possibly as part of the student services fees). The committee rejected the concept at this time.
- The recently formed Library Task Force should deal with the whole issue of library funding.
- The current 2-year pilot project with the University of Michigan, aimed at providing article copies from 1100 Elsevier journals at a charge of \$7.00 per article, should be continued.
- Committee members suggested that the entire fee issue be further discussed in the fall, involving students and faculty.

At the end of the discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Senate Library Committee rejects the University Libraries NON-ISO Rate and Fee Proposals, with the exception of the ongoing Elsevier pilot project. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON SENATE MEETING.

Professor Gerhard Weiss, Chair, presented the committee's annual report to the Senate at its meeting on May 14, 1998, with the goal of making senate members aware of the ever-increasing costs of journal subscriptions. Professor Weiss recommended to the committee that such a report should be presented regularly to keep the library's constituents aware of the problems facing the University's most important resource.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE.

Although there was some initial confusion with the membership, the Library Task Force, planned by Executive Vice President & Provost Robert Bruininks, has now been appointed and is to report back by August 31, 1998. The task force will deal with the long range needs and the future of the library system. Professor Peter Wells, incoming Library Committee chair, is a member of the task force and will keep the committee informed of its progress.

The committee noted that there was no representation on the task force from the Office of Information Technology (OIT). It was moved and seconded that the addition of a member from OIT be recommended to Executive Vice President & Provost Bob Bruininks. The motion carried unanimously.

FINAL REPORT.

Professor Gerhard Weiss, Chair, thanked committee members for their service this year and expressed his special appreciation to Linda Jorn, Robert McMaster, Bruce Moskowitz, and James Orf, whose terms on the committee have been completed. Professor Weiss asked the continuing members to remain alert to issues that are central to the University libraries, particularly those related to the budget. He also thanked the coordinate campus librarians and the hosting libraries on the Twin Cities campus. Professor Weiss stated that he has a great deal of respect for the libraries and feels faculty and students should know about their services. The committee in turn also thanked Professor Weiss for his leadership over the years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The members of the Library Committee were invited to the groundbreaking and reception for the Duluth Library on Tuesday, June 23, 1998.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50PM.