

University Libraries Committee
Minutes
September 7, 2007

Members Present: Frank Chapman, Rae Jesano, Ruth Lowery (Chair), Gloria Moore, Ralf Remshardt, Leah Rosenberg, Judith Russell (Ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Linda Bartoshuk, Jeffrey Needell

1. Dr. Gloria Moore was nominated and elected University Libraries Committee, Chair-Elect.
2. The March 23, 2007 minutes could not be located. Approval tabled.
3. Ms. Judith Russell, Dean of University Libraries provided a brief update on the library budget.

She explained the library was given a directive from the Provost to plan on reducing the library budget by \$967,266 due to legislative budget cuts. To accomplish this directive and hopefully spare the acquisitions budget, if needed, cuts will be taken from a combination of the salary and operating expense budgets. \$500,000 in salary savings has been identified due to retirements and other vacancies remaining unfilled due to the hiring freeze. In addition, approximately \$400,000 will most likely be taken from the operating expense budget. Some carry forward money has been identified; however, it is not clear if these funds will have to be returned to UF. Dean Russell spoke with the provost yesterday and the library will move ahead with creating a budget based on the \$967,266 reduction. Once the budget has been drafted it will be provided to ULC members

A chart reflecting last years budget is currently being drafted and once available will also be provided to ULC members.

4. Building on the Future of the Libraries report, the library is in the beginning stages of a strategic planning process. Information about the process is available at http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/strategic_plan/ . ULC members were asked to assist in identifying faculty participates.

Results from the strategic planning process will be used to help determine the direction of the Library's Capital Campaign initiative. Possible co-chairs for the Library's Capital Campaign have been identified. The library has officially set a \$20 million goal; however, Dean Russell would like the fundraising effort to be gauged toward raising \$50 million. Approximately \$9 million was raised during the Capital Campaign's silent phase, most of which was a gift in kind. Dean Russell noted the library is beginning to tighten up on its policy about not accepting gift-in-kind donations without processing funds.

A Senior Director of Development will be hired to increase the libraries' fundraising initiatives. Applications are currently being reviewed and a candidate will be interviewing on campus September 17-18, 2007. An open session presentation will be held and time will be allotted for ULC members to meet with the candidate.

The President and Provost have indicated the library *may* benefit from tuition increases.

Dean Russell is actively pursuing how to tie the library to athletics. She has asked Jeremy Foley, Director of University Athletics to help create an endowment to have a librarian housed

(part-time) in the Athletics Department to assist student athletes. Dean Russell is also looking into the soliciting past athletes to join the Library Leadership Board.

Dean Russell described a report that was prepared for Dr. Parmod Khargonekar, Dean of Engineering based on the core materials purchased by institutions he considers to be peers in the engineering field. The report showed that when a composite was taken of those four institutions, looking at the core materials purchased by all four institutions and that the UF Library did not purchase the UF Library is only purchasing approximately 60% of what those institution are purchasing. Dean Khargonekar, said that if the library could document a competitive disadvantage he would be willing to approach his donors, alums, and companies that hire his students and make a credible case to them about why they should help him fund raise for the libraries for engineering information. Dean Russell, believes this could be a break through for the libraries in terms of getting colleges to work with the libraries to help raise funds for resources for their respective fields. The Department of Agriculture has asked the library to do a similar analysis.

5. The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2007 in Library West, Room 429.