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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

April 22, 1998

The meeting was convened by Dr. Lankford Walker, Chair, at 4:09 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room of Booth Library.

Present: Reed Benedict, Rosemary Buck, Leo Comerford, Robert Fischer, Barbara Kemmerer, Brian Pritschet, Elizabeth Weller, Bailey Young.

Absent: Randall Beebe, Scott Crawford, Steve Davis, Ryan Hilligoss, Karen Ketler, John Weber, Ted Weidner.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kemmerer moved to approve the minutes of the March 25 meeting; Dr. Fischer seconded. There were no corrections or additions. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

Two e-mail messages were read. Ted Weidner said he would not be able to attend the meeting, and Scott Crawford said he is unable to accept the nomination as vice chair for the coming year.

III. OLD BUSINESS - ELECTIONS

Robert Fischer and Karen Ketler, as the only nominees for chair and vice chair, respectively, were elected by acclamation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dean's report

Dr. Lanham distributed copies of The User Code of Conduct, adopted April 1998. It was revised somewhat from the draft stage. Vice President Hencken and Keith Kohanzo had made suggestions which added certain provisions, giving the Code more force.

Dr. Lanham said he has spent the past two days with the renovation architects. The expansion portion of the project is getting smaller. He discussed some architectural features in the plans, such as utilization of natural light where possible, opening up certain areas, and giving the south entrance a greater presence. On the 28th of April the architects will present the cost estimates, which will determine what can actually be built. Dr. Walker asked when the renovation would be completed. Dr. Lanham said the projected completion date is May of 2001. Dr. Buck asked when will it be known where library services will be located during the renovation. Dr. Lanham said he expects to know by Dec. 1998. It is the responsibility of Facilities Planning & Management to provide space for the library during the project, and they have nothing to share with us at this time. All library services are expected to continue during the project. Dr. Buck asked if a closed stacks system will be implemented. Dr. Lanham said he cannot promise the stacks will remain open; it may not be possible to provide the space necessary. Two meetings of library staff and the architects were held this week, and were very productive. Dr. Walker asked if the parking lot to the south of the library will be lost. Dr. Lanham said it is uncertain. The west entrance will probably become the service entrance. The addition will be three stories and will extend as much as 40 feet south. Dr. Young asked what kind of increase in volume is involved. Dr. Lanham said the plans are to accommodate for 15 years growth in collections, plus more seating than at present. The number of online workstations will triple, and the computer lab will house a maximum of 60 computers. The auditorium will go, and the conference (BOG) room will be enlarged. Plans should be complete by July 1998.

Dr. Lanham said the book sale being held today was going well. He noted all books sold are donated; nothing comes from our shelves. All money goes to the Booth Memorial Gift Fund, which supports library services and might be used to furnish a room or other incidental items in the new building.

B. Other New Business

Dr. Walker reported the Faculty Senate appointments to the LAB beginning next year (all three-year appointments). They are: Fern Kory, English; Valencia Browning, Family & Consumer Sciences; John Weber, Leisure Studies; and Joyce Higgins, Chemistry.

Dr. Walker distributed copies of the FY98 discipline allocation information sent to the Board by the Dean as requested at the last meeting. He had reformatted it, adding percentages. There was brief discussion of the numbers. Dr. Lanham noted that all accounts increased 5 percent over last year, and another increase, perhaps as much as 10 percent, is expected for FY99.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Mary Grivetti, Recording Secretary