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Minutes of the Library Faculty Advisory Committee

The Library Faculty Advisory Committee met at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 1978 in Room 142, Booth Library. Members present: Mr. Fraembs, Dr. Hart, Dr. Matzner, Mr. Motley, Dr. Spencer, Dr. Stute, Mr. Sundheim, Dr. Watkins, Dr. Whitlow and Dr. Szerenyi (ex-officio).

Dr. Szerenyi reported that the library's budget for FY'79 is adequate to the point that no emergency request from the Administration will be needed. President Marvin and Vice President Bond have provided a larger contractual services budget. The library will use the contractual services budget, and with \$20,000 from the book budget, will be able to renew the subscriptions to the existing periodicals. There will not be a large scale cancellation of subscriptions as was feared a few months ago. The book budget will be \$206,000, 10% more than last year. Dr. Szerenyi submitted a proposal for the distribution of this amount among the departments. The departments generally will receive 10% higher book budgets, adjusted to the amounts their FY'77 budget was overspent or underspent by June 30, 1978. He proposed some reductions in a few departmental budgets in order to provide more money for the areas where there was a greater need for it. He recommended also putting \$5,000 aside for the purpose of upgrading the library's music collection. After discussion, the motion to approve was made by Dr. Hart, and seconded by Dr. Whitlow.

Dr. Szerenyi gave information on the results of the library survey conducted before the end of Spring Semester. It was, on the whole, favorable to the library and several recommendations received are under study. Some of them have already been accepted and introduced. Eighty-five percent of the faculty and eighty-one percent of the students found that the library collections are excellent or good. Ninety-five percent of the faculty and seventy-seven percent of the students answered that the services received from the library were excellent or good. Unfortunately, there was one disturbingly high unfavorable opinion concerning the politeness of the library service: eighteen percent of the faculty and twenty percent of the students stated that the service received was indifferent or rude. Dr. Szerenyi promised that he would try to convince the very small percentage of library staff members known to him that their attitude toward the public needs to be more courteous and he will not hesitate to report all future incidents to the Administration for appropriate action.

A large number of people who answered the survey requested longer library hours. Dr. Szerenyi reported that Vice President Bond provided additional help to extend the library hours until midnight for FY'79. The library will be open until midnight Sunday through Thursday and until 9:00 p.m. on Friday. The opening hour on Sunday will be twelve noon instead of 2:00 p.m. A survey will be conducted during the Fall Semester to determine if the extended hours are actually being utilized by the students.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Frieda Stute
Secretary