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## MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

November 4, 1991

The meeting was convened by Dr. Frank Oglesbee at 4:00 p.m., November 4, 1991, in the Dean's Conference Room of Booth Library.

Members and Alternates Present: Mr. Jeff Boshart, Ms. Suzanne Chouinard-Stiff, Dr. Marietta Deming, Mr. Norbert Furumo, Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Dr. Robert Jorstad, Dr. Barbara Kemmerer, Dr. Newton Key, Dr. Allen Lanham, Dr. Patrick Lenihan, Dr. Andrew Methven, Dr. Frank Oglesbee, Ms. Jill Pfeiffer, Mr. Howard Price, Dr. Priscilla Rice, Dr. Mary Varble, and Ms. Shelly White.

Members Excused: Mr. Paul Lueken.

Members Absent: Dr. Jerry Sidwell.

Visitors: Ms. Virginia Baldwin, Ms. Karen Oakley, and Dr. Gene Scholes.

### Minutes of October 7, 1991

Ms. Suzanne Chouinard-Stiff moved and Dr. Andrew Methven seconded the motion to approve the October 7, 1991, minutes to stand as published. Motion passed.

### DEAN'S REPORT

Dr. Lanham spoke to the LAB regarding a memo received from Art Tate, University Relations. Mr. Tate asked that Shelly Flock be removed from the LAB due to a shortage of personnel in his office. An updated LAB Roster was distributed.

Dr. Lanham also informed the LAB of the intent to not order the 13th edition of the Chemistry Abstract 5-year Cumulative Index. The cost would be \$24,000 and the library has the index in individual volume form. Dr. Lanham explained that a committee of four library faculty evaluated the index and made the recommendation. The Chemistry and Physics Departments will each receive an \$800 book budget increase. The Chemistry Department has requested additional funding for online searching.

The Dean spoke about The Center for Research Libraries, Chicago, IL. The Center is a depository of materials usually unavailable in research libraries. An associate membership costs \$5,500 per year for EIU. For non-members there is an option to prepay \$130 to a deposit account which grants 10 borrowings per year. There have been 2 requests this semester. The LAB felt a deposit account would be acceptable, to be used on a first come, first served, basis.

### DIRECTOR OF MEDIA SERVICES REPORT

Dr. Gene Scholes distributed and discussed a handout on his study of The Impact of Microcomputers on Media Services Programs based on his observations at 18 universities similar to EIU, 4 in Illinois and 14 elsewhere. Dr. Scholes reported that EIU compares favorably to the other universities. Of 60 different media services identified, only four of these were not offered at Eastern. A detailed report will be available at a later date.

### OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Lanham distributed and discussed the Weeding Procedures section of the Booth Collection Development Policy. The procedures govern the withdrawal of damaged or obsolete materials from the library collection. Members inquired if discarded materials could be given away or resold. Dr. Lanham explained that currently State property cannot be resold or given away. Other libraries would not be interested in the type of materials under discussion.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Patrick Lenihan inquired about off-campus access to the CD-ROM databases. Dr. Scholes explained that access to the Local Area Network is currently available. He talked with Dave Henard of Computer Services, who explained that he and Jim Wiman are currently exploring this possibility and hope to provide access to the CD-ROMS at a later date. This issue will be taken to the Committee on Academic Computing.

The LAB requested that the University Development Board include Booth Library in its alumni donations drives. Dr. Lanham informed the LAB that the Board has already been approached. The Dean also explained that the former "Friends of the Library" was not a successful fund-raising group in the past and should not be reestablished until a permanent Dean is in place.

Mr. Jeff Boshart raised a question on the purchase of new books. He expressed concern that "coffee table" art books are being purchased rather than items considered high priority by faculty. Dr. Lanham commented that there are several variables involved in the acquisition process and all are considered carefully by the subject bibliographers. The Dean suggested that the Department Chairs work closely with their respective Departmental Library Coordinators so that the department as a whole is represented on library matters. The Departmental Library Coordinator should also work closely with the Subject Librarian from the Booth faculty to insure proper communication.

### ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Robert Jorstad moved and Mr. Newton Key seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next meeting: December 2, 1991