

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 25, 1996

Present: Jerry Diethelm, Phil Ferguson, Robert Haskett, Augustine Thompson, George Shipman.

Absent: Anne McLucas, Margaret Prentice.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by George Shipman, convenor.

Shipman provided three agenda items for discussion:

1. appointment of new members
2. electing a permanent chair
3. responding to memo on "Building a Senate Agenda"

Diethelm asked Shipman to also discuss briefly what issues the committee might be addressing this year.

Appointment of New Members

Shipman reported that Brad Shelton and Marilyn Mangus will not be serving on this year's committee. Dave Hubin in the President's Office is in the process of appointing two additional faculty members and a student representative.

Electing a Permanent Chair

Phil Ferguson nominated Margaret Prentice to serve as chair as she has served on this committee in the past. Ferguson agreed to be chair if she is unable to serve in this capacity. All agreed. Shipman will contact Prentice to inform her that the committee has nominated her to serve as chair. [Prentice has accepted the nomination.]

Response to "Building a Senate Agenda"

Shipman distributed a copy of a memo from Julia Heydon, Acting Faculty Secretary and Secretary to the Senate, to Conveners of Academic Committees on "Building a Senate Agenda." Academic committees are being asked to respond to a survey for the Faculty Senate to help prioritize its activities during 1996/97. The survey asks what action the Senate could take to improve the quality of academic life during the next nine months, during the next three years, and during the next ten years. Jerry asked if there might be a way to recommend assistance in implementing an electronic reserve process. Shipman stated there was an effort four years ago by several universities (Duke, Cal State, Rice, U. San Diego) to create an online networked reserve system. That effort came to a halt because of copyright/fair use laws. Shipman stated that he thought the University would need to support this effort, understanding that there could be legal implications involved. The committee agreed to recommend to the Senate that the University become more aggressive in challenging fair use/copyright issues. Phil Ferguson will work with Shipman in drafting a response.

Issues for Discussion during 96/97

Shipman stated there are several issues that the committee may wish to discuss this year. Three of those issues could include:

- copyright/intellectual freedom-international governance could have some very negative effects on libraries
- serials cancellation process-potential for the next several years
- Orbis and its implications

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. S. Gray will contact members about setting the next meeting time.

Submitted by
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