

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE  
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May 8, 2009

Members Present:                      R. Dundas (Chair), M. Gibson, G. Gray, P. McDonald,  
A. Stratemeyer, A. Valencia.

Members Absent:                      T. Attard (excused), M. Barakzai (excused),  
J. Dussich (excused), K. Robles-Smith (excused),  
S. Rocca (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Dundas at 2:00 p.m. in Science II #114.

1. Minutes.      MSC to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2009.
2. Agenda.      MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Associated Students has yet to appoint a student to sit on the committee. Peter McDonald volunteered to ask Alexandra “Alex” Andreotti if she would like to sit on the committee as the undergraduate student member. Alex previously served on the Library Opening Activities Committee.

4. Library Report.
  - a. Most furnishings for the library should arrive within a month. Audio visual equipment will be acquired next, although there is a concern over how soon this will occur given the budget situation.
  - b. The rate of use by the library is at about 400-600 people per hour.
  - c. With the University Centennial year coming up, some thought a discussion should be focused on how to engage the departments across campus to showcase their talents. For example, a photo exhibit with text displayed on the way to Starbucks would be a great opportunity to bring attention to the rest of the campus community and public about what a department does and is known for. Peter McDonald would like us to take up this topic in the fall.
  - d. The library has hosted a number of successful events recently. These include the Faculty Publications event, exhibits of original Ansel Adams prints and Rancheria baskets, and the Graduate Division’s Graduate Student Research Symposium.

5. Discussion Items.

a. Budget cuts and impact on library collections and services:

There will be a \$170,000 cut to the base budget, which may go up to \$500,000 before 2010. The library may have to look at cutting back on hours. At present, it is anticipated that ~\$100,000 will be cut from collections, although this may also go higher.

b. Collection policies and weeding:

K. Robles-Smith is in the process of producing department level collections policies. Departments will receive data on use by call number, cost per journal, databases available, etc. This will allow departments to provide input into collections development for their respective disciplines.

c. Upcoming library events and programming:

i. May 15, 6 pm there will be a reception at the opening of a new exhibit "Touching the Soul, the Architecture of Art Dyson."

ii. The summer will be relatively quiet, although there may be some art related courses that may occur in the library.

iii. Late August – late October 2009, the library will feature 100 years of sports at Fresno State. This will be the anchor to launch the new Hall of Fame site. A particular focus will be on women's sports.

iv. In mid October there will be an Edward Gorey exhibit.

v. Early November, Melissa Gibson and others will be putting on three staged, one act plays.

vi. The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust will then have an exhibit.

vii. In 2010, the library will host the university's centennial year exhibits.

MSC to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Library Subcommittee will be announced in the fall semester. An agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.