The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
1987-88 Annual Report

The following individuals served on the University Library Committee for 1987-88:

Barbara Borowiecki, James Brundage, Gabor Karadi, Terry Nardin (Chair), N. Papastamatou, Winston Van Horne, Robert Yeo.

Student representatives were: Harold Rocha, Sharonda McLean (resigned February, 1988).

Ex-officio members were: Sandy Dolnick, Alumni Representative (resigned February, 1988 and replaced by Virginia Haas); Ann Meyer, Associate Dean, Graduate School; William C. Roselle, Director of the Library; Clifford V. Smith, Jr., Chancellor.

At three meetings in 1987-88 the University Library Committee:

1. Took the following actions:
   a) Elected Professor Terry Nardin as Chairperson for 1987-88.
   b) Approved a motion that the agenda of meetings of the Library Committee be restructured.
   c) Approved a motion that the agenda of each meeting be distributed to members in advance, along with supporting materials and the minutes of the previous meeting.
   d) Approved a three-part motion to strongly endorse in principle the resolution passed at the February 26, 1988 meeting on the library budget; to request that the University administration address the library's financial problems immediately; and to prepare and submit a motion to the Faculty Senate requesting action to alleviate the library's financial problems.
   e) Met in subcommittee to prepare a resolution concerning the library's financial crisis; contacted committee members who reviewed and approved the resolution; and presented the resolution at the Faculty Senate meeting of March 24, 1988.

2. Received the following reports from the Director of the Library:
   a) 1986-87 Activity Summary covering all aspects of library services, activities, and collections.
b) Building. The building project was completed nearly twelve months ahead of the original construction schedule because remodeling and energy conservation work in Stages I and II were done at the same time as Stage III construction work. The design of the artwork to be created by sculptor George Greenmeyer will focus on Milwaukee architecture. New trees have been planted to the north of the library. The Browsing Room service was discontinued, but newly cataloged books will be available to patrons in the first floor lobby, west wing.

c) Library dedication. Dedication events on October 28 and 29, 1987 were: the Fromkin lecture, the dedication dinner, and the bicentennial address. The UWM Alumni Association funded the visit of special guests Sara Rahabi and Menshem Meir, Golda Meir’s children. Mayor Maier announced the placement of his papers at the Library’s Area Research Center.

d) Commemorative plaques. Two plaques describing the library building and a plaque describing the UWM seal in the courtyard were presented to the library as gifts of the Friends of the Library.

e) Automation. The Network Library System (NLS) online catalog, with computer access to UW-Milwaukee and UW-Madison library holdings, became available for public use in fall, 1987.

f) Budget. Library funding priorities are acquisitions, especially periodical subscriptions and research materials; the Network Library System; and preservation. Serials costs have escalated because of the devaluation of the dollar, and funds for student help have been reduced 47%.

g) Planning Paper draft from the Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries (CUWL).

h) Friends of the Library programs and activities.

3. Discussed the following:

a) The library's financial crisis in acquisitions and automation.

b) The motion passed at the February 26, 1988 ad hoc committee meeting on the library budget.

c) The University Library Committee's course of action in seeking financial support for the library.

d) Procedures by which faculty members order library materials.

e) Function and procedures of the University Library Committee.