UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT, 1992-93

Committee members: Norman Lasca, Chair; Miriam Beames (Academic Staff), Ted Bratanow, Susan Burgess, David Garrah, Karen Jackson (Alumni Representative), Edith Morawski, Gregory Squires
Ex-officio: George Keulles, John Schroeder, Peter Watson-Boone
Students: Jon Jablonski, Kevin Costas (resigned March, 1993), Matthew Simonette

The University Library Committee met six times in 1992-93. The Committee:

1. Discussed, reviewed and critiqued the Library's 1993-94 Budget Planning Document, with particular attention to acquisitions, electronic access, binding and preservation, shelf-reading, security, and hours.

2. Reviewed the Quality Reinvestment Plan (QRP) and its 3-year impact upon the Library.

3. Discussed recommended procedures for involving the faculty in the serials review process and the Library's "Proposed Strategy for Serials Cancellations."

4. Reviewed allocation of library space to non-library users and expressed concern as to the amount of space so allocated at the expense of library users.

5. Discussed the use of electronic mail for library functions, and recommended that two new electronic mail services be initiated for faculty on a trial basis: ready reference questions and book order requests. Said services were subsequently initiated.

6. Discussed interlibrary loan procedures and costs.

The Committee took the following actions:

1. Sent a resolution to the University Committee, the Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor urging that QRP be used to augment the library acquisitions budget, or failing that, that the Library be held harmless in the QRP exercise.

2. Wrote to Department Chairs on January 29, 1993 apprising them of Library journals price increases and inviting suggestions as to how to handle the problem.

3. Wrote to UWM faculty members on March 24, 1993 giving them preliminary information on the serials review and cancellation process, including the Library's time line, and requesting their help.

4. Wrote to the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor on May 25, 1993 expressing concern on proposed serial cancellations and suggesting sources for additional acquisitions funding.

The Committee received reports from the Director on the following:


2. Periodicals price trends and related topics, including price increases in primary journals, UWM serials expenditures form 1988-93, foreign periodical price increases compared to the Consumer Price Index, and the Library's plans for serials review and cancellations.

3. Implementation of the new circulation system and changes in circulation policies.

4. Proposed change in the Library's automated systems from NLS to NOTIS.

5. The Library's role in media services.

6. Procedures for selecting the annual Fromkin lecturer.

7. Library publications, events, and significant acquisitions.

8. Creation of a Library Staff Advisory Council as a new forum for staff representation.