The Library Committee has met six times since its organization in December, 1956, twice with the all-University Library Committee at Madison, and twice with the Administrative Committee of the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee.

Since the Committee of Thirty had failed to define the relations between the University Library at Madison and the UW-M Library, this Committee has had to negotiate the connection. While some loose ends still remain to be handled, we have established our "internal autonomy" and have secured room to maneuver in future negotiations.

We have, of course, two libraries remaining from the two institutions which we have replaced. How to merge the two, how to catalog them, how advantageously to dispose of unnecessary duplicates, and how to enlarge the resulting library has occupied much of our time. The experience of the past year has led us to conclude that virtually all of our periodical files and volumes for upper-classmen use should be transferred to the Kenwood campus. That is where they are being used, and their transfer will obviate much of the expense of a joint catalog on the present basis. We feel that the Downtown library should be retained as a reading room and adequate reference library in addition to the specialized materials we shall have to keep there to meet the needs of certain departments and schools. The library staff will begin this reorganization this summer.

We have asked the various departments to plan specifically their library needs and have resolved to give these departmental orders priority in purchase as we indicated in our letter to the Faculty of April 9, 1957. We also asked the departments systematically to survey our periodical holdings and to make recommendations concerning their handling and expansion.

As to the Committee and its powers in the future we make the following recommendations:

A statement of the functions and membership of the UW-M Library Committee agreed upon by the Committee March 15, 1957.

Membership. Ex-officio, the Provost, the Librarian, and the two Milwaukee members of the all-University Library Committee; six faculty members to be elected for a term of three years, two to be elected each year, seven in the first election when two shall be elected to terms of one year, two to terms of two years, and two to terms of three years.

Functions. The Library Committee will represent the interest and authority of the Faculty in library affairs. The Committee will serve as both an advisory and a policy-making group, as the importance and nature of issues considered indicate, in all matters pertaining to the library.

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