UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
1996-97

Committee members: David Schultz, Chair; Martha Carlin, Alexandra Dimitroff, Steven Forst, Karen Jackson (Alumni Representative), Janet Jesmok, Betty Pearson, Kristine Surerus

Ex-officio: George Keulks, John Schroeder, Peter Watson-Boone

Students: Marcia Deignan, Victor Washington

The University Library Committee met seven times in 1996/97. The Committee:

1. Discussed the procedure for canceling journals and approved the library’s final list of serial titles to be canceled. Professors Schultz and Carlin met with Chancellor Schroeder and Provost Watters to discuss funding issues, including supplemental funding and reallocation of funds for the library to alleviate the serials situation. The final list for cancellation (216) contained all of the titles ranked by faculty as 0 or 1. The Library Director saved all titles ranked 3 (absolutely essential) by reallocation of funds. The Chancellor and Vice Chancellor agreed to save all priority 2 serials (important).

2. Discussed, helped formulate and approved the library’s response to the provost’s request for a report on the serials situation, which includes a long range strategy to resolve the issues.

3. Stressed that document delivery through CARL UnCover or other such providers be funded at the initial rate of $50,000/year. This would help replace canceled journals and would add access to new journals.

4. Unanimously passed a motion supporting the library’s request that a semi-circular drive be constructed on the Hartford Avenue side of the library to allow patrons to pull up for short times to return books.

5. Sent a representative (Prof. Dimitroff) to represent the ULC on the Search and Screen Committee for the Director of I & MT.

6. Met with the University Committee Chair, Margo Anderson, to discuss the serial problem.

7. Prof. Schultz presented an update on the library acquisitions budget to the Faculty Senate on March 20, 1997.

8. Unanimously approved the report of the Stage IV Subcommittee. The Stage IV Subcommittee and working group has been updating and revising the paper “Golda Meir Library Expansion and Remodeling for an Electronic Research Library”. The recommendations call for remodeling the existing space and for approximately 175,000 square feet of new space.

9. Sent a letter to the University Committee explaining the replacing of the NLS System. This could save up to $200,000 per year. The Chancellor said the money will stay in the library’s budget. UWM has asked to be one of the first schools to convert to the new system.

10. Discussed and suggested changes to the library’s 1997/98 budget planning document.

11. Passed a motion that departments can check out, for a 2 week period, new research serials before they are placed on the bookshelves.
The Committee received reports from the Director on the following:

1. Four of the five proposals the library submitted for funding from the Educational Technology Fee were approved: Room E159 has been equipped as a library instruction lab during daytime hours and as a general access lab operated by I & MT after hours; electronic reserve has been expanded to 19 classes; evening and weekend library instruction sessions are being offered; and licenses for some electronic resources were expanded to include remote access to the databases.

2. The library received UW System funding to purchase workstations and to continue the conversion of catalog cards to the online database.

3. The library provided more data on security issues to the Provost at his request and met with Campus Police Chief Clark.

4. The shuttle operation to Madison will not be renewed during the Spring 1997 semester; low ridership and the cost per rider were the main considerations for this decision.

5. A shelf shift project in the S-Z stacks began in the Spring 1997 semester and is expected to continue through the summer.