UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
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Committee members: Winston Van Horne, Chair; Valerie Errante (Semester II); Nancy Frank; Victor Greene; Glen Jeansonne; Linda Krause; Judith Luebke (Academic Staff); Julio Rodriguez-Luis (Semester I)

Ex-officio: Sona Andrews; Alan Swatek; David Tucker (Alumni Association Representative); Peter Watson-Boone

The University Library Committee met seven (7) times in the period September 1999 to April 2000. The committee discussed:

1. planning for Stage IV of the Library;

2. the desirability of the Library moving to a system of subject bibliographers for overall collection growth and management;

3. the possibility of a closer interaction between the Archives Committee and the University Library Committee;

4. the following with Provost Kenneth Watters: the proposed new wing of the library; addition of subject bibliographers to the staff; the collection budget with particular reference to journal costs; the project to convert the titles in the AGSC collection. Watters noted that it is important for the ULC to continue in an advocacy role in partnership with the director of the Library;

5. Chancellor Nancy Zimpher's addition of 8000 assigned square feet (asf) to the proposed new wing of the library, which came in response to a proposal from the committee;

6. a presentation by Associate Professor Doreatha Drummond Mbali, chair of the Department of Africology. Prof. Mbali called out a cooperative program which has been established between UWM and the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, Africa;

7. changes in Reserve procedures which were demonstrated for it.

The committee took the following actions:

1. Moved that the Library include a request for salary money for subject bibliographer positions in the budget for the 2001-03 biennium;

2. Moved that in addition to the chair of the University Library Committee, one other member of the ULC be appointed by the chancellor to the Archives Committee;

3. Moved to support the creation of a Multicultural Studies Librarian position;

4. Wrote to Chancellor Zimpher to urge her to raise the limit on assigned square feet of the proposed addition to the Library;

5. Recommended to Provost Watters that the campus administration provide additional funds to increase the Fromkin Award to $15,000 starting in 2000-01;

6. Supported the Library's plan to move Reserve materials records to the electronic system.
The committee received reports from the director on the following:

1. The successful installation of the Voyager System;

2. Departmental name changes: 'Reference' renamed 'Research and Instructional Support'; 'Government Documents' renamed 'Government Information Unit';

3. Appointment of Michelle Harrell to the newly created position of Multicultural Studies Librarian;

4. A seven-year project to convert the AGSC holdings with matching funds from UW System;

5. Watson-Boone's trip to Slovenia in late Fall. One exchange agreement was established and two more are being negotiated. Relations with the National & University Library were strengthened; a music librarian from Slovenia will visit UWM in Spring. A verbal agreement to commission a piece of music was made.

6. The Library's participation in collection building to support the Milwaukee Idea initiatives.

7. The adding new serial subscriptions for the first time in ten years.

8. Discontinuation of the service of renting video tapes which has been provided by the Media Services Department.

9. The Library will purchase gates to secure the Reserve area at night while Reserve is closed but the overnight lab is open.