University Libraries Committee
Annual Report, 2004-05

For 2004-05, the membership of the committee consisted of:

**Faculty:**

- John Berges, Biological Sciences
- Mary Casey, Communications until December
- William Lavonis, Music (replacing Mary Casey)
- Kuang-Chi Chang, Sociology
- John Friedman, Physics
- David Heathcote (Chair), Biological Sciences
- Glen Jeansonne, History
- William Lavonis, Music
- Ralitza Nikolaeva, Business Administration
- Sandra Pucci, Curriculum & Instruction (sabbatical)
- Winston Van Horne, Africology

**Academic Staff:**

- David Southward, L & S Honors Program
- Susan Stalewski, Clinical Laboratory Sciences

**Ex-officio:**

- Ewa Barczyk, Interim Director, UWM Libraries
- Rick Grobschmidt, Alumni Association representative
- Gwat-Yong Lie, Associate Dean, Graduate School, Dean’s representative
- Thomas Walker, Interim Dean, Information Studies, Chancellor’s representative

**Students:**

- Jonathan Brostoff
- Joseph Kautzer—never attended, according to minutes
- Dana Marie Parker—never attended, according to minutes

The University Libraries Committee met four times during the academic year: September 22, October 27, February 16, May 27. The Committee:

- Reviewed concerns that ongoing serials cost increases, coupled with budget reductions, and resulting in the further cancellation of journals, were cutting into the real core of the serials collection.
- Reviewed and gave input on the planned remodeling of the Libraries and implications that it might not be funded. A library taskforce was charged to propose alternatives which would be very short term and costly such as removing large areas of study space and replacing with shelving.
Via the Chair, discussed the above issues—as well as questions about the funding of the Chancellor’s Golda Meir Library Scholar Award and addition of the position of Libraries’ Director to the Deans’ Council—with the Chancellor.

Responded to student request for expanded hours in the Libraries. Costs and benefits were examined and the committee recommended that hours remain the same given usage patterns and budget cuts. Since the students really want a late night study area rather than access to books, the campus should explore providing such an area rather than keeping the library building.

Discussed outside funding and development possibilities of the Libraries. The Libraries received 1) major planned donation of $2 million to further the goals of the AGSL as well as immediate funding to purchase materials in China, provide two additional fellowships and seed money for another digitizing project 2) Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) Grant for digitizing Austro-Hungary maps 3) $50,000 for WTMJ News Collection

Appointed Chancellor’s Golda Meir Library Scholar Award subcommittee (Winston Van Horne, Gwat-Yong Lie, Ewa Barczyk, Mark Netzloff and David Southward) to review student applications and recommended two graduate students to the Chancellor to be the 2005-06 recipients of the Chancellor’s Golda Meir Library Scholar Award: Patrick Gonder, PhD student in English/Modern Studies; Briana Smith, PhD student in History.

The Interim Director outlined the consequences of the proposed budget reductions, including the loss of two positions. As a result of cent budget cuts, the Libraries currently have 11 vacancies. Suggestions from the committee were solicited before the final cuts were submitted to the campus.

At each meeting the Committee was briefed on different aspects of the Libraries’ operations, and received reports from the Interim Director on Libraries’ finances, grants, acquisitions, services and resources, and events. Most meetings included a demonstration of a new service or resource.