

UTC Lupton Library
Library Senate Committee
November 16, 2006

Present: Hinsdale Bernard, Ethan Carver, David Edwards, Tom Gavin-Chair, Bryan Hampton, Theresa Liedtka-Ex Officio, Joey Shaw, Charlene Simmons, Ronald Smith and Paul Watson

Recorder: Anna Lane

Summary of Action Items:

- TL to work with Dr. Gavin on letter of support from the Library Committee regarding the enhancement of the Library materials budget and a UT system-wide resource sharing model.
- TL to provide list of electronic journal subscriptions.
- TL to share Library budget information with the Council of Academic Department Heads.
- TL to announce Library Enhancement Initiative on UTCINFO.
- TL to announce Library Liaison program on UTCINFO.
- TL to distribute departmental allocations to Committee.
- TL to work on Library Annual Report.

Introductions were made after which Tom Gavin turned the meeting over to Theresa to report on various issues concerning Lupton Library.

Library Budget

Theresa distributed a copy of a memo she sent to Chancellor Roger Brown, Dr. Richard Brown and Dr. Herb Burhenn documenting concerns regarding the Library budget particularly the lack of increases to the acquisitions line. Attached to the memo were several supporting documents including "Library Materials Expenditures 1995-2007", "Electronic Resource Expenditures FY 2003-2004 through 2007-2008", a comparison of UT System institutions regarding total library expenditures and staffing per FTE, and a comparison of THEC peer institutions regarding total library expenditures and staffing per FTE. The data for the latter two reports was gathered from the National Center for Education Statistics. Theresa reported she has received acknowledgement of receipt of the memo however she has not heard any feedback regarding the content.

One of the main concerns is the lack of regular inflationary increases to the acquisitions budget. This year the Library received no increase to its materials line. Subsequently the Library lost additional buying power as the average journal price increase, depending on the discipline, was 5 to 20%. For FY 2006-2007 the Library will be able to cover these expenses by utilizing funds from the Lupton Renaissance account. If there is not an increase to the materials line for FY 2007-2008 the Library will need to consider cancelling some resources.

Another area of concern is the fact that the total expenditures for Library materials which include print subscriptions, electronic journals, microform subscriptions, databases, monographs, videos, sound recordings, and audio books exceeds the total materials (acquisitions) budget every year (see "Library Material Expenditures, 1995-2007"). For FY 2005-2006 the total expenditures were approximately 25% more than allocated in the materials line (\$1,061,298 total expenditures versus \$795,807 budgeted in the materials line). Funds from restricted accounts and Student Technology Fee allocations were used to make up the difference.

After Library Senate members reviewed the documents discussion followed and the following questions addressed.

Question: Is there any information available regarding types of doctoral programs and the resources for those programs versus other programs and the cost of their resources and how those expenses/resources align with our programs?

Answer: Theresa stated there is an annual publication that tracks journal and monograph expenditures by discipline. This publication gives the average cost per journal for a particular discipline as well as the average increase for materials per discipline. In regards to comparisons with other programs she suggests Dr. Dick Gruetzemacher might have this data. She further stated program accreditation requirements would also factor in to the equation.

Question: Is there currently a system-wide subscription model in place?

Answer: Theresa stated there has been minimal success in system-wide subscription negotiations. She reported there is a system-wide committee that meets twice a year but there has been little activity. Theresa explained President Petersen has verbally expressed support for system-wide resource sharing. He approached Barbara Dewey, Dean of Hodges Library (UTK) and asked her to coordinate this effort. Dean Dewey decided to focus on the discipline of Health Sciences. The committee put forward a proposal for *ScienceDirect* and a few other resources. This package totaled more than one million dollars and at this time funds are not available to go through with the subscription.

Theresa stated she would rather have focused on core resources most of the system libraries are already utilizing to try to realize savings on those resources. The savings could then be redirected to a position whose responsibilities would include negotiating pricing based on the buying power of all system institutions and centrally handle the license agreements. This is a common practice among many institutions.

Theresa stated for progress to be made there needs to be more collaboration among the system libraries. There is less incentive for UTK to want to move forward as they have most of the resources they need.

On a related subject Theresa reported she approached UTK about a shared integrated library system. This would allow patrons access to both UTK's and UTC's library catalogs when searching for materials. If UTK had a particular book a student needed he/she could request the book with a click of a button. UTK has declined to move ahead in this direction citing budgetary restraints and personnel shortages. Theresa responded while there would be start up issues such as discussing integration rules Lupton Library would contribute funds and staffing for this endeavor. Theresa shared this information with Dr. Burhenn and he plans to discuss this with Chancellor Brown. Theresa is hopeful Chancellor Brown will discuss this matter with President Petersen in the future.

Theresa stated there is some progress being made. Lupton Library has partnered with UT-Health Sciences and UTK on purchasing CINAHL FullText for consortia pricing. .

Question: Is there any academic literature available that addresses library administration in regards to centralized versus decentralized model and addresses cost factors/savings?

Answer: Theresa replied literature is available and in fact shared several such articles with the attendees of a joint UT System Electronic Resources Committee/Library Director's Meeting. Theresa suggested drafting a letter to Dr. Petersen stating each campus would contribute funds to hire a centralized person to negotiate subscriptions on behalf of all the system libraries. This suggestion has not been implemented by the conversation is ongoing.

Question: Would it be helpful/appropriate to send a correspondence to Dr. Petersen and his assistant notifying him of the suggestion to hire a centralized negotiator and the response from the UTK contingent and lack of progress in regards to shared resources?

Answer: Theresa would be willing to compile a bibliography of the articles she shared at the joint UT System Electronic Resources Committee/Library Director's Meeting. Theresa stated the University of Connecticut (Dr. Petersen's previous institution) had a system model in place. Other system models include OHIO LINK, the state of Georgia, Cal State system and the University of California system and many more.

Dr. Gavin stated if Theresa would draft a letter he would sign the letter to show support. Other Library Senate Committee agreed to do the same.

Question: It appears according to the data provided there have not been any journal subscription cuts since 2002. Is this correct?

Answer: Theresa stated there have not been any cuts mandated by the Library. There have been instances where a department chose to substitute one title for another. There have also been some titles that were converted from print to online.

Question: Could Theresa provide a title listing of electronic journals that total \$198,409 as reflected on the "Library Material Expenditures 1995-2007" document?

Answer: Theresa will work with Mike Bell to provide this information.

Question: Is there anything Library Senate Committee members can do to show their support for Lupton Library?

Answer: In the past the Library Senate drafted a resolution to present to the Faculty Senate asking the Library be considered a priority for ongoing regular budget increases for materials. Theresa stated this was useful and believes the majority of faculty is supportive of the Library recognizing it supports research and the academic process. If the Library Senate were to consider a resolution of support for increases to the Library materials budget and/or the system-wide sharing initiative it would be beneficial to all involved.

Question: Could accreditation be a leverage tool for requesting additional funds for the Library?

Answer: Theresa reported the Library fared poorly in the last University wide SACS accreditation. She further stated SACS has revised their accreditation standards from a quantitative approach (direct numbers and direct budget issues) to a more qualitative approach (the Library will provide adequate support for.....). Theresa noted she believes the Library might face issues in the next SACS review since the last review indicated shortcomings such as deficiencies in Library personnel and a significant budget deficiency. These deficiencies have not been resolved in anyway.

Theresa reported this issue has arisen in departmental accreditations as well. One example is the Department of Interior Design accreditation. Library support for this program is \$750. Books for this program are expensive and these funds do not go far. No new journals subscriptions were started for this program as no new funds were available.

Similar examples exist where programs were accredited and documentation states funds will be allocated to the Library for the support of these programs but once accreditation is approved the funds never materialize as outlined or at all. Theresa has raised these issues and her concerns to the appropriate administrators.

Question: With the increasing number of electronic journals being infused in various databases does this bring Lupton Library up to par?

Answer: Theresa replied there is no doubt our patrons are able to access more journals than before due to the number of journals available to our patrons through databases, both regular and aggregated, and the open access movement. However if one analyzes the current Inter-Library Loan (ILL) data it indicates some of the research programs are woefully under funded. This lack of funding presents other issues such as bending/breaking copyright law and luring students to a program that is not adequately supported which hampers their research and progress. Theresa explained while the overall number of journals have increased and will continue to do so there are still a number of core titles that Lupton Library cannot afford to buy.

Dr. Gavin stated he recognizes some journals lack rigor and substance and some of the higher quality academic journals do not include their product as part of journal packages. Theresa agreed citing a request from the Accounting department to investigate the possibility of acquiring the *Accounting & Taxation Database*. This product is available through ProQuest and the annual cost of \$12,000. This is a great product however the Library cannot afford to subscribe at this time.

As discussion of this topic came to a close Dr. Gavin reiterated the decision to put forth two resolutions to present to Faculty Senate showing support for an increase to the Library's material line and support for a system-wide sharing model. Theresa will draft the resolutions and have Dr. Gavin review.

Theresa also plans to present the information included in the memo to Chancellor Roger Brown, Dr. Richard Brown and Dr. Herb Burhenn to the Council of Academic Department Heads.

To Do: TL to draft two resolutions and have Dr. Gavin review
TL to work with Mike Bell to provide journal titles
TL to share memo information to CADH

ILL Most Requested

Theresa reported Dr. Pittenger recently allocated \$15,000 to the Library to purchase the most requested ILL titles. Theresa stated these funds will be used to purchase titles that were requested through Inter Library Loan more than 50 times. Most of the requests were Nursing or Education titles.

Library Buildings: Old and New

Theresa informed the committee the UT Board approved support for a new building for Lupton Library. The cost is estimated to be \$48 million dollars. Original plans were to renovate the current building and expand over the parking garage however due to some design issues a new building was more feasible and desirable. This would allow a design with the contemporary collaborative learning in mind. The current plan is for the building to be located on parking lot 3 with parking below the building. Conversation has involved incorporating the WTRC, a coffee house, a 24 hour room and possibly other classrooms.

The new library is currently listed as 3rd on the system-wide capital projects priority list. Dr. Richard Brown is confident the funding will be available the next budget cycle assuming Governor Bredesen allocates as high as \$200 million in projects. Once funding meetings with architects and planning can begin.

Once the new library is built suggestions have been made to convert the "old library" building into a "one stop shop" for student services (registration, records, bursar's office,

financial aid, MOCS ID, etc.). Other ideas have included classroom space (possibly Fine Arts) or IT space.

In related building issues Theresa reported the problems with the roof and various leaks throughout the Library. The Library was in the process of having the roof replaced when a contract dispute occurred between the University and the contractor in regards to the standard of materials being utilized. Work halted while the dispute was settled. According to recent information the roof replacement will continue in the near future.

Theresa stated in the last year the first floor has been updated with new furnishings and a small café area. Vending machines are also now available to students in the café area.

Library Statistics

Theresa distributed statistics submitted to the UTC Fact Book to give the committee a sense of the Library's overall holdings and expenditures. Theresa pointed out the number of A/V materials appear to have declined dramatically. The explanation for this is approximately 10 years ago a baseline statistic was established and the following years a manual count was added to the baseline number. Last year the Library purchased software that allows the Library to capture this data in an automated fashion. This allows for a more accurate statistic and the previous data was corrected.

Other items of interest include increases to the Library's holdings in regards to book, electronic journals, databases and electronic journals through aggregated databases.

Library Enhancement Grant Initiative

Theresa announced the Library has set aside \$7,500 for the Library Grant Initiative. Faculty are encouraged to submit requests up to \$750 for materials to enhance their program(s). If the total price of submissions exceeds \$7,500 a small sub-committee consisting of Library Senate members will meet to review the proposals and determine which to fund. Theresa will announce this initiative on Raven.

To Do: TL to announce Library Enhancement Grant Initiative on Raven

Library Liaison Program

Theresa distributed a document titled "Departmental Allocations for Materials Purchases from Regular State Funds, 2006-2007". Theresa explained the Library has implemented a program where a librarian is assigned to a department to serve as a subject specialist. The objective is to increase communication between the Library and department. The subject specialist will keep the department informed of new initiatives and participate in collection development for that department's curriculum. The document distributed lists each department, the departmental liaison and their assigned subject specialist.