

State University Library Council

Meeting-Minutes

September 11, 1996

DOE Conference Room 1701; Tallahassee, Florida

Present

Anne Marie Allison- UCF; Mike Armstrong- BOR; Dale Canelas- UF; Jim Corey- FCLA; Andrew Farkas- UNF; Sam Fustukjian- USF; Lauren Sapp- FAMU; Carolyn Gray- FGCU; Charles Miller- FSU; Larry Miller-FIU; William Miller- FAU; and Helen Wiggersma for Grady Morein, UWF

Ron Stubbs, BOR and John Opper, PEPC, invited guests, both attended for parts of the meeting.

Minutes

1. Agreement on agenda

The Directors agreed to add distance learning BOR committee discussion item:

13. Faculty Participation in Collection Management Decisions.

2. Correction to minutes of last meeting - June 5, 1996

There were no corrections to the Minutes of June 5, 1996.

3. Next meeting - December 4, 1996. Place?

The next meeting will be held in Pensacola at the University of West Florida. Grady Morein will be asked to provide us a list of hotels.

4. PEPC: Education use of technology and distance education. Guest: John Opper

John Oppor informed the directors that PEPC will stage a symposium on 9/25/96 in Tallahassee to explore the issues raised by rapidly changing information technologies, international experiments in distance education, and developments in telecommunications technologies. The audience for the symposium is Legislators, Legislative staff, Cabinet members and aids, Regents, selected BOR, Community College and K-12 staff, Presidents of Universities, etc. He explained that he has consulted numerous experts in the process of gaining background to respond to the Legislature's request for recommendations about the technologies and techniques to emphasize in Florida's planning for education. The approach he intends to take in the Symposium is to have experts describe: 1) what we can do today technologically; 2) what we can do with more funding; 3) what we cannot do even if we have unlimited funding; 4) where we want to go. Scheduled speakers include: Charles Teller of IBM, Bob Hedrick of EDUCOM, two experts from the University of California and the

University of Minnesota (each university has taken a different approach to utilizing information technology in their respective educational programs), and a segment on libraries to include Richard Madaus and Jim Corey. The Directors indicated their support for having Dale Canelas, as the Chair of the SUS Director's Group, speak for the directors at the meeting. This was followed by a discussion of the library issues that should be conveyed at the Symposium.

5. Annual Agenda.

Dale Canelas and Jim Corey had brainstormed a list of issues that come up each year and had developed an agenda outline for the year that included timely calendaring for each. During the ensuing discussion some issues were moved to different meetings and discussion of the lost book price was added to the September meeting.

6. Recommendations of the SUS Fact book Statistics Committee.

Larry Miller presented the report from the SUS Fact book Statistic Subcommittee. There was considerable discussion of the number of statistics. A case was made for providing many more statistics than are currently collected in order to provide BOR staff data that can be helpful with Legislative staff who enquire about the use of resources. BOR staff reminded the group that space in the Fact Book is limited. It was agreed that the Subcommittee would reconsider its list of proposed statistics and return with a refined list at the next meeting.

7. Strategies for increasing the library resources allocation statewide.

Ron Stubbs attended this part of the meeting and provided a copy of the BOR budget proposal for libraries. Several directors indicated their concern about the inadequacy of collections funding. Discussion brought out several points: our current "formula" is not a real formula because it merely allocates resources, it does not indicate what resources are needed; the Board is having some success with utilizing comparisons among universities by Carnegie classification; and whatever formula we eventually adopt, we must all support it or the Legislature will not do so. Given its major importance to all of the libraries, a subcommittee was appointed to investigate proposals and report back to the group at the next meeting. Bill Miller, Chair, Sam Fustukjian, Charles Miller, Larry Miller, and Sam Gowan, ECC liaison.

8. Technical Services Committee.

The Report of the Workstation Sub-committee was enthusiastically endorsed by the group who asked the chair to convey that it was a fine piece of work and that the directors would attempt to move forward in implementing its recommendations.

9. Public Services Committee. (S. Fustukjian)

The Interim Report of the Distance Learning Task Force generated lively discussion. Overall, the group felt that the Task Force generated lively discussion. Overall, the group felt that the Task Force had done an excellent job of identifying the issues and raising questions. They encouraged the group to continue and to recommend solutions to the issues they have

identified. With regard to the time- bound requirement that we submit a budget request for distance learning funds available this year, the directors leaned toward a central "distance learning institute" where one person with direct access to one large collection would be responsible for providing reference service. Document delivery issues were not addressed nor was the need for licensing fees for non-campus use to access proprietary databases. All library directors with special interest in the issue were asked to provide their comments to Charles Miller and Jim Corey who represent the directors on the BOR committee to develop a proposal for allocation of the \$4,000,000 granted for library and other distance learning support services in this fiscal year.

Appointment of the Instruction Sub-Committee was approved.

10. Pricing of lost books.

It was recommended that we keep the lost book charge at the current level and this was approved by the group.

11. Erosion of faculty salaries; TIP Awards; PEP Awards.

There was not time to adequately discuss this issue. All expressed their concern about faculty salaries. A subcommittee was appointed to explore the situation and to provide a proposal for us to discuss at the next meeting. Andrew Farcas, Chair, Lauren Sapp, Sam Fustukjian.

12. Outsourcing of library services.

This discussion was carried out at lunch which the reporter did not attend.

13. Faculty Participation in Collection Management Decisions.

There was no time to discuss this issue. It was agreed to add it to the next agenda.