

Faculty Senate Library Committee
Minutes for November 11, 2011
Zimmerman Library Dean's Conference Room

Attendance: Yemane Asmerom, Martha Bedard, Brian Bunnett, Richard Campbell, Suzanne Schadl, Gregory Starr, Jack Trujillo, Carolyn Woodward

1. Approval of September 16th, 2011 Minutes

Minutes approved with corrections.

2. Old Business

Support for the Berlin Declaration was approved by the full Faculty Senate and the Provost signed the document. The declaration will be posted on escholar.unm.edu and further publicity is planned.

3. Report by Chair about meeting with department library representatives and library staff.

Not many department reps showed up for the meeting which Yemane took as an indication that generally faculty are satisfied with the library. Yemane is impressed by library staff and felt the discussion was valuable background.

During his tenure as chair he would like to accomplish one major thing to help faculty and students. Yemane plans to send an email to the faculty listserv requesting input on important issues related to the library.

Martha's goal for the group this year is to advocate to increase the base budget of the library. UL is clearly under resourced. Yemane suggests getting the faculty and students to advocate for the library with the decision-makers in administration.

The UL Collection Development Committee can provide the FSLC with data on areas of collection that could be expanded.

Meeting to be scheduled with the Provost and Julia Fulghum to discuss the UL budget sometime spring semester after data has been collected.

3. Budgets and priorities

Brian Bunnett gave an overview of trends at the HSLIC. They are in a grave budget situation. Twenty percent of the collection budget was cut. HSLIC Lost 9 positions and have eliminated learning instruction. HSLIC is in bottom quartile of libraries across the US. Chancellor has pledged to help support the budget but it will only help cover inflation.

Meeting adjourned.