The meeting of the Committee on Library was called to order by David Rempel on October 9, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in Room CL 101. A quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions
Chair Rempel welcomed the new members of the Committee and introductions were conducted.

Senate Staff Orientation – Tamara Maimon, Director, Academic Senate Office
T. Maimon reviewed orientation information provided to all Committee members relating to the support available from the Senate Office, how to access and use the Senate’s Website and other information designed to help faculty members with their service on Senate Committees.

Chair’s Report
Chair Rempel told the Committee that the primary issues that the Committee will address are the cancellation of journal print titles and use of space within the library by non-library tenants.

Librarian’s Report

Faculty Carrels
K. Butter will draft a proposal regarding use of faculty carrels and present it at the next Committee meeting.

Library Security
Discussions regarding the security of the library building will be addressed at the next Committee meeting.

Old Business
Update on Proposed Journal Cancellations – Anneliese Taylor, Associate Librarian
As a result of the feedback received from faculty and due to license agreements with certain publishers, 57 journal titles were removed from the print title cancellation list. The Committee
reviewed the list of journal cancellations and there was a general consensus among the members that the issue regarding journal cancellations will be revisited during the Winter 2004 quarter.

**Update on Licensing Issues – Beverlee French, Deputy University Librarian of the California Digital Library**

B. French reported that the costs for obtaining licenses for journal subscriptions is increasing at a rate higher than that of common inflation indexes. This rate of increase will make it difficult for the University to keep up with costs.

As an alternative, the CDL supports the use of digital publishing through open access publishing sites for the scientific community. Two sites that the CDL recommends include BioMed Central (http://www.biomedcentral.com) and the Public Library of Science (http://www.publiclibraryofscience.com). The Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC) will promote these sites as alternative resources for the faculty.

Although all publishers are increasing their license fees, the most severe increases are proposed by Elsevier. In 2003 the University spent $8 million on digital titles and $2 million on print titles. Currently, access to Elsevier journals cost the University 50% of its total online budget, yet use of these journals equates to only 25% of total online journal use. At the same time, Elsevier's revenues and profits have risen significantly—26% within the last year. Despite this, Elsevier is still insisting on negotiating higher license fees over the next five years. It is anticipated that negotiations between CDL and Elsevier will be complete by the end of October 2003.

The Committee members discussed the issues regarding the increased costs and alternative means for publishing. G. Armitage suggested that the Committee draft a formal letter outlining these issues and sending it to the members of the Coordinating Committee, Faculty Councils, and Department Chairs.

A MOTION to draft a formal communication regarding the licensing issues/publications crisis was unanimously APPROVED by the Committee.

**New Business**

- Chair Rempel announced that a Welcome Reception for David Kessler will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Lange Room on the 5th floor of the Library.
- Chair Rempel also announced that the Third Annual Distinguished Clinical Research Lecture will take place on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in Cole Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.
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