COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY
Thomas Newman, MD, MPH, Chair

MINUTES
Meeting of May 11, 2006

PRESENT: Thomas Newman, Eberhard Fiebig, Nancy Hessol, Richard Schneider, Francis Szoka, Dave Teitel, Ilona Frieden, Ralph Marcucio, Geoff Manley

ABSENT: Kathy Shook

PERMANENT GUESTS: Karen Butter, University Librarian; Anneliese Taylor, LAUC (Librarian’s Association of the University of California) Representative

The meeting of the Committee on Library was called to order by Chair Newman on May 11, 2006 at 10:17 a.m. in Room CL 101. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the March 9, 2006 were approved as amended.

Chair’s Report
Chair Newman gave an update on the following ongoing issues:
• The faculty survey is moving forward;
• The Forum on Scholarly Communications is slated for the fall
• Regarding comments/suggestions to the Library, K. Butter reported that she will develop a standard reporting structure to inform the committee of user suggestions.
• The meeting for the Subcommittee Reviewing the Fishbon Library at Mt. Zion is May 25, 2006.

Report from University Librarian
• On behalf of the Library Committee, Karen requested discretionary funds from APB. APB was receptive and has since forwarded a letter to the Chancellor.
• The Mission Bay Library opening was well attended mostly by graduate students. The opening featured booths, food, and an introduction to the new toolbars.
• A new issue confronting the Mission Bay Library is the number of gym users who are leaving their children in the library while they exercise. K. Butter is currently drafting policies which she will present to the Committee regarding a minimum age for entry without a parent. Some Committee members suggested that age 18 is too high of an age to require parental supervision as many high schooler’s use the library as a resource.
• Student security is ongoing concern. There was talk about students starting a petition; however, K. Butter has assembled a small group consisting of campus police, students, representatives from student affairs offices to discuss issues and possible solution. The students are mainly concerned about theft and the homeless. The group will talk about the issues in restricting access and whether a campus ID would be required.
• K. Butter distributed the latest marketing strategy – a series of chocolate bars that highlight the new GALEN toolbars -- Bio Bar, GALEN Bar and Clinical Bar. The toolbars are a set of scripts one can download to their browser. The Library is also talking with the Medical Center about a toolbar for their clinical system.

Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 185
The Committee on Library unanimously approved the Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 185.

Chair Newman welcomed and thanked EVC Washington for meeting with the Committee. He asked EVC Washington to clarify the role of the Committee and the two subsequent committees on space planning. Specifically, Chair Newman inquired as to what decisions, if any, this committee is being asked to advise on.

EVC Washington emphasized how important the role of the Committee on Library is. He expressed to the Committee that since his appointment as Executive Vice Chancellor began, library space gets put on the table at least two times a month. One of the larger proposals being advanced by the four deans was to use the library as classroom or student related space. EVC Washington has taken the position that the library will not be touched until a full study of library space and usage has been completed.

Chair Newman commented that the first space planning group reported that libraries are changing, and a move in that direction could be move into the future. This is markedly different from the second planning group report. T. Newman queried whether we can use the 10,000 square feet to push the library into the future, NOT to solve campus space issues. EVC Washington wants to do both.

Committee comments included:
• It will be easier to weigh in if we know what the proposals for space are.
• The library is a sacred places and should feel like a library – not another crowded work space that people are trying to escape. A quiet place to read and spread out materials is important.
• While it is hard to see books go, the reality is that books are taking up expensive space.
• Even if the library takes on new functions, it should retain the feel of a library/learning center.

The Committee agreed that positive, concrete proposals dealing with shared, community space, will be the strongest argument the Committee can put forward.

There being no further business, Chair Newman adjourned the meeting at 11:30a.m.
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