FACULTY SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
8 DECEMBER 2004

PRESENT:  David Palmer, Chair; Nathan Buckner, Larry Hardesty, Joan Lewis, Jose’ Menawerth, Rick Miller, Deb Schroeder, Janet Wilke

ABSENT:  Brinton Strohmyer

The meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

As the first order of business, Miller proposed that the library set aside some space for a collection of books authored by UNK faculty. The collection could include works by current faculty, and perhaps by people who were faculty here in the last ten years. Hardesty said that he has spoken of this with John Lillis, the Archives Librarian, but hasn’t gone any further than that at this point. Miller said a related matter is a Profiles of Excellence of Students, and he wondered if there are enough alumni/alumnae who have published so that a collection of their works could also be set up. It was suggested that we contact the departments and ask them about this regarding their former students. A project like this would tie in well with the Centennial Celebration.

The main item on the agenda for this meeting was reviewing the library grant proposals. A total of sixteen grants were received, with a total requested amount of $27,809.00. The grants were discussed one by one.

Grant #1 – Hardesty provided some background on this proposal, which included purchasing A.D.A.M. software to be installed on six computers in the library. There are a number of technical issues involved with installing this software in the library, including the fact that it requires an older version of Adobe than is now in the labs, and therefore would have no support. The software requested is better suited to a department computer lab rather than a general use lab such as the library has. Hardesty recommended funding the Year Book in Sports Medicine portion of the proposal, but not the A.D.A.M. software portion. The Committee concurred.

Grant #2 – This proposal is for materials in support of a new emphasis. We don’t know at this time where the approval process is for this new emphasis. It might be that it won’t be approved before we need to order materials in time for them to be received before the end of this fiscal year. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to approve the grant contingent upon the approval of the new emphasis. If we cannot order the materials yet this fiscal year, then we will order them next year.

Grants #3 through #8 – There were no concerns on any of these proposals and all were approved as requested.

Grant #9 – This proposal for back issues of the journal Chasqui includes money for the photocopying of some issues that cannot be purchased. The proposal states that a former editor, who owns a complete set of the journal, has given his permission to photocopy the required
issues. Copyright concerns were discussed. Hardesty said that, if a good faith effort has been made to locate these issues and they just aren’t available anywhere, then they can be photocopied. However, he would like to see written permission to do so. The Committee agreed to fund this proposal with the stipulation that the department chair obtain written permission from the former editor to make photocopies of the issues that are unavailable for purchase.

Grants #10 through #15 – There were no concerns on any of these proposals and all were approved as requested.

Grant #16 – This proposal is a request for a very large number of musical scores to support the string quartet program. Hardesty pointed out that the cataloging and processing of sheet music is a very time consuming process. Because of the huge amount of time involved, he recommended that half the grant be funded this year, which would allow library staff time to get all of those scores processed. The second half could be ordered next year. The Committee approved funding half of the requested amount. The department will be asked to prioritize the half of the scores that they want purchased this fiscal year.

Following the completion of the grant reviews, Miller had one more matter to bring before the Committee. Phi Beta Delta, the International Studies Fraternity, would like to know if the library would set aside some money to purchase textbooks for the use of international students. It was suggested by them that the books could be put on reserve for those students to check out. Discussion on this matter covered a number of points: the relationship between the library and the bookstore; the fact that the international students are supposed to have enough money to purchase their textbooks; the possibility that some professors may make owning your own copy of the text a requirement of the class; and the fact that there would be times, such as right before a test, when too many students would need the book at one time. Miller suggested perhaps having a few faculty members put a copy of their text on reserve for a semester and have the students check it out. He would be interested in feedback from students regarding whether the reserve check-out system worked. Hardesty stated he didn’t think the solution proposed by the students would solve what they’re trying to accomplish. An alternate suggestion would be to have several students get together and buy some of the books, and then set them up in the student area of the International Studies Office for them to use in that location.

Regarding the next meeting, no specific date was set. However, if any members encounter matters that the Committee needs to discuss as a group, they are to pass those concerns on to David Palmer or Larry Hardesty, and a meeting will be scheduled at that time.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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