

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002**  
3:00 p.m.

**Present:** Karen Albertus; George Bergus; Miriam Gilbert, Chair; Mike Noth; Yangbo Ye;  
Kimberly Lewis

**Library Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Guest:** Jon Whitmore, Provost

**Absent:** Carolyn Stewart Dyer; Ken Cmiel

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**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

**II. FY04 and 05 Budget Requests**

Whitmore discussed the FY04-05 budget proposal to the Regents, which includes a substantial tuition raise to help replace faculty lines, as well as an increase in state funding to help with salaries and lost positions. He also reported that he has told Nancy Baker to assume that the collections budget will receive a 5% increase next year. Whitmore was asked how the upcoming election may effect the University's budget; but said that is hard to determine. He still expects some kind of cut later in the year, due to the still-failing Iowa economy.

**III. Report from the University Librarian**

**A. Space Consultant**

Baker reviewed for new Committee members the background of hiring the space consultant, and reported that a plan should be forthcoming later this fall, with the consultant visiting campus again at this time to do a "reality" check.

**B. Budget**

Baker reviewed the four budget cuts the Libraries has had since the beginning of FY02.

**C. New Things**

Baker reported on changes and upcoming events at the Libraries:

- Rita Benton Music Library started offering electronic audio reserve for students
- InfoHawk upgrades: version 14.2, new authority records, Unicode, upcoming eGlue, and completion of retrospective conversion which enabled moving the card catalog elsewhere
- Hardin started desktop delivery of articles; experimenting with this at Main ILL/Doc Delivery
- Main Library completely shifted collections on all floors
- Waiting to hear about grant application on a project to work with College of Public Health
- Iowa Women's Archives celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with symposium and lecture, November 15-16
- Information Arcade celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with open house and free public symposium, October 29

- working on organizational planning because of a great number of upcoming retirements
- doing student usability testing of new InfoHawk Gateway

IV. **Other Issues**

Ye has concerns that there are valuable materials in the East Asian Collection that should be put into Special Collections. Baker said she would speak to Jim Cheng, Chinese Studies Librarian. Bergus wanted to know about the progress of linking electronic journals. Baker said part of the problem of getting them done was that, because of several large package deals, there have been thousands of journals to add, which has taken a considerable amount of staff time. [Note: All electronic journals are now listed in InfoHawk. We are providing immediate links from entry to full-text through SFX software when publishers will permit.] It was commented on that some graduate students still do not know the Libraries even has electronic journals.

The remaining fall semester meetings will be Monday, October 28, and Monday, November 18; both 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Main Library Second Floor Conference Room.

V. **Adjourned at 4:08 pm**