University Library Committee
Minutes
Meeting – April 10, 2008

Members Present: Keith Hale, Jeff Huebschman, Josh DeWitt, Jeffrey M. Schwan, Tom Scanlan, John Krogman, Miyeon Kwan, Marge Karsten

Scanlan called the meeting to order shortly after 1 p.m.

The agenda for the April 10, 2008 meeting and minutes from the Oct. 25, 2007 meeting were both approved unanimously. Scanlan noted that, as stated in the minutes of the Oct. meeting, he still must forward the motion the Library Committee made at its Sept. 28, 2007 meeting to Faculty Senate. Correction: Scanlan forwarded the motion, but the Faculty Senate did not discuss it.

Krogman made several announcements.

- As of now, both the governor’s and the legislature’s proposals to deal with the state budget shortfall hold the UW System harmless.
- UW-Platteville units have been asked to set aside 2% of their budgets to offset declines in the number of out-of-state students paying full tuition. This equates to a $100k cut for Information Services, which includes Karrmann Library.
- No cuts to the library budget are anticipated; the library has had no budget increase for several years.
- Tonya Stappert, Applications Specialist at the Learning Technology Center, is currently absorbing work previously assigned to Tony Valentine, who recently resigned from his position as Director of that unit.
- A System-wide line item budget request for $9 million in ongoing base funding (DIN) will be presented to the UW Board of Regents for approval at its May meeting. The proposal has been unanimously endorsed by the Provosts and Faculty Senates at all UW institutions.
- Karrmann Library’s travel, supplies, services and materials budget for 2008-09 ($113,300) has remained the same for the past 11 years.

Karsten made a motion that Scanlan arrange to have a resolution supporting the library introduced at a UWP Faculty Senate meeting. The resolution is to be identical to one approved at UW-River Falls. Huebschman seconded; motion passed unanimously. (A copy of the resolution was sent to Committee members electronically.)

The Committee discussed acquisition of electronic databases vs. print material at Karrmann Library. Krogman indicated that the philosophy was to move away from print only if journals and other materials are available in full text format. Some materials still are unavailable in that format.

Six classrooms will be available in the basement of Karrmann Library starting in Fall 08. Four will be general lecture classrooms; the other two will be equipped with computers at each student station. English professors will use them to teach writing.

Schwan reported on the UWP Student Senate’s proposal that the library remain open until 2 a.m. Sun. through Thurs. to allow greater student access. At least three staff members must be present when the library is open, and the library currently closes at midnight Sun.-Thurs., at 10 p.m. Friday, and at 5 p.m. Saturday. Students were encouraged to discuss the proposal with Krogman.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.
Marge Karsten, Scribe