

Library Committee
November 8, 2000

Present: Dr. Dharma Thiruvaiyaru, Dr. Linda Prior, Dr. Sharon Feaster, Dr. Jim Grayson, Dr. Bill Nelson, Prof. Roxann Bustos

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

The group addressed Dr. Bompart's request, which is to provide a "thorough review of the needs of the Reese Library, giving special attention to the library collections and the current periodical subscriptions."

Dr. Nelson and Prof. Bustos provided two reports, a copy of the Fall 1998 Assessment of Reese Library, based on standards of the American Library Assn./Assn. of College and Research Libraries; and Evaluation of Library Collection (emphasis on periodicals).

Information included a comparison with peer institutions, methods of evaluation the collection (especially periodicals), and library funding.

A ten-year funding history showed that the library percent of the total ASU expenditures has declined from a high of 4.16% in 1992 to a ten-year low of 3.36% in 1999.

A comparison of expenditures per FTE with several similar institutions revealed 35.34 for ASU, compared to 57.65, 43.35, 43.14, and 46.03 at other institutions.

The committee decided to make recommendations regarding budget and collection analysis. Dr. Feaster will summarize notes from the discussion and e-mail to committee members. Dr. Nelson will provide a chart comparing expenditures per FTE with other UGS institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon A. Feaster