

**May 8, 2001
Chair's Report
Library Committee**

Responsibilities:

The committee advises the Director of the Library on such matters as allocation of funds for library acquisitions, reviews library services to students and faculty and recommends improvements and changes in these services, and serves as a liaison between the library staff and the faculty.

The 2000-2001 Library Committee Members are:

Paul Harris, Chair, Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences
Sharon Feaster, Faculty/College of Education
James Grayson, Faculty/College of Business Administration
Charles Jackson, Faculty/College of Education
Linda Prior, Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences
Dharma Thiruvaiyaru, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
Bill Nelson, Director of the Library (ex-officio and non-voting)

Committee Activities and Achievements:

I am pleased to note the following activities and achievements as a result of the cooperative efforts of the members of the Library Committee. But, before I do, I would like to express my personal thanks to each of the above listed members of the committee. Each and everyone actively participated in all aspects of the committee's assigned duties. It was a pleasure working with this great team.

- 1) The committee responded to a special concern and suggestion from the SACS Self Study Steering Committee by conducting a thorough review of the needs of Reese Library, paying particular attention to the library collections and the current periodical subscription. This review was completed in fall 2000, prior to the annual budget hearings in November. On November 30, 2000 the Library Committee submitted a report titled, A Report Assessing the Needs of Reese Library, which addressed the following areas: annual funding for periodicals; decline in the percentage of ASU's total expenditures that have been allocated to the library; and, allocation of one-time funds for a Western Library Network (WLN) Conspectus Analysis as a basis for determination of the needs related to library materials.
- 2) In an effort to better assess the needs of students at ASU, the committee drafted and administered a Student Satisfaction Survey in spring 2001. The purpose of the study was to find out how Reese Library (including Media Service) can improve its services. The committee distributed the survey to a random sampling of 22 classes (490 students) on April 2nd. Nineteen classes sent in their responses and we are in the process of compiling findings.

- 3) The Chair of the Library Committee, Dr. Paul Harris met with Dr. Cory Harmon, a member of the SACS visitation team on Tuesday, April 24th to discuss the Library Committee's role in improving the library's level of service to students and faculty and allocation of funds for library acquisitions.
- 4) The Committee "Minutes" for the 2000-2001 academic year are on-line and can be accessed through the Library's web-site at http://www.aug.edu/library_committee/.

Faithfully submitted:

Dr. Paul Harris, Chair of the Library Committee