

**May 13 2002
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:

Ric Topolski, Chair, Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences
Judy Fitch, Faculty/ College of Business Administration
Charles Jackson, Faculty/College of Education
Dharma Thiruvaiyaru, Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences
Alice Pollingue, Faculty/College of Arts and Science
Bill Nelson, Director of the Library (ex-officio and non-voting)
Nancy Sutherland, Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences*
Winston Wang, Student Body
Nick Peppers, Student Body
Priscilla Lacy, Student Body

* In an agreement between Professor Sutherland and her chair, Nancy was removed from the committee in lieu of her participation in the Faculty Colloquium. As chair, I supported and honored the agreement. Professor Sutherland was not replaced.

Committee Activities and Achievements:

Prior to commenting on the activities and achievements of the committee, as chair, I would like to first note the cooperativeness, collegiality and spirited effort put forth by the members of this committee. This being the first committee I have chaired, I am especially appreciative of the effort and pleasurable environment each member contributed to committee.

- 1) The committee continued its work toward addressing the special concerns and suggestions from the SACS Self Study Steering Committee by conducting an in-depth review of the needs of the Reese Library that included the results of the student satisfaction survey. Based upon the review, the committee submitted a report entitled: A Report Assessing the Needs of Reese Library which addressed the following areas: one time funding, budgetary cuts, staffing issues, etc.
- 2) The committee analyzed the data from the Student Satisfaction Survey administered in spring 2001. The results of the survey were included in a report to the VPAA. Of particular note was students' overall satisfaction across several measures of level of service and quality of facilities. However, also of note was students' dissatisfaction regarding the periodical, book, and magazine holdings.
- 3) The committee drafted and administered a campus wide Faculty Satisfaction Survey in spring 2002. The survey was conducted to determine faculty satisfaction with the services of Reese Library (including Media Services), the quality and quantity of holdings, and type and level of faculty use. The committee distributed the survey to the entire faculty (over 450 full-time and part-time) and received 76 responses. The committee is currently in the process of analyzing the data.
- 4) The Committee "Minutes" for the 2001-2002 academic year are on-line and can be accessed through the Library's web-site at http://www.aug.edu/library_committee/

Submitted

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