

**April 29, 2006
Chair's Report
Library Committee**

Responsibilities:

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

Membership and Attendance:

The 2005-2006 Library Committee Members are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Christine Crookall	Chair, Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences	5 out of 6
Michael Bishku	Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences	4 out of 6
Diane Black	Librarian/Assistant Professor Reese Library	6 out of 6
Lynn Cadle	Faculty/College of Education	6 out of 6
Cynthia Cano	Faculty/College of Business Administration	0 out of 6
Debbie van Tuyl	Faculty/College of Arts and Sciences	3 out of 6
Carl Fausnight	Student	0 out of 6
Jaelyn Fortson	Student	0 out of 6
Eric Wareham	Student	0 out of 6
Bill Nelson, Director of Reese Library – Ex Officio and Non-Voting		4 out of 6
Guest - Camilla Reid	Associate Director of Reese Library	5 out of 6

Committee Activities and Achievements:

This committee was composed of members who were cooperative, collegial, and dedicated to the committee's purpose. They kept the interests of students and faculty, the Library consumers, a priority at all times. Attendance by faculty members was regular for the most part, and their contributions to the work of the committee were substantive. As chair, I appreciate very much the efforts put forth by each of the committee members. Unfortunately the student committee members were unable to attend any of the committee meetings.

I am especially impressed by and grateful for the commitment and work of Dr. Bill Nelson, Ms. Camilla Reid, and Ms. Diane Black of Reese Library. They all contributed greatly to the committee's work. Augusta State University is indeed fortunate to have these professionals as library faculty.

Following are the accomplishments of the 2005-2006 Library Committee:

1. With the additional \$50,000 added to the library's budget for FY2005, the library was able to add several new full-text products which resulted in an overall increase in the number of journals available. The committee agreed to include a request in the annual report submitted to Dr. Sullivan for additional funds to support new programs and new faculty.
2. Last year the Library Committee recommended that the Library implement a new electronic reserves system which would give students access to Reserve materials at any time, anywhere via any computer with access to the ASU network. This system (E-Res) was funded and is now in place.
3. Upon recommendation of the previous 2004-2005 Library Committee, the Vice President for Academic Affairs approved the purchase of LibQUAL+, a new commercial library patron survey used nationally. ASU took part in the LibQUAL+ survey from March 6 through March 31, 2006. The ten minute survey was filled out by approximately 1200 students, faculty and staff, and incentive prizes were awarded in a ceremony on April 13. The survey response comments will provide some helpful data on improving library service. These results will also be used to compare data on our library with data from 22 other University System of Georgia institutions, so we should get some excellent comparative data with the USG.
4. The committee continued its work toward addressing the special concerns and suggestions from the SACS Self Study Steering Committee. The new Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) outcomes-based assessment standards will be used by Reese Library as the basis for a five year evaluation to be conducted before the next SACS accreditation in 2011.
5. The Committee supported the Faculty recommendation to provide additional permanent instructional technology assistance for evening classes. Media Services received temporary funding to provide this service, and continued efforts are being made to find permanent funding for this important service.

The Committee minutes for the 2005-2006 academic year will be posted on-line and can be accessed through the Library's web-site at http://www.aug.edu/library_committee/.

The Committee sincerely thanks Dr. Nelson, Ms. Reid and Ms. Black for their untiring efforts to improve services for students, faculty, and the community at Reese Library.