The Library Committee convened in the Mabee Library, Room 105 at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Bearman, Dr. Chorba, Ms. Croucher, Ms. Druse, Dr. Herbig, Dr. Hull, Dr. Janzen, Mr. Knowles, Dr. Leung, Dr. McKee, Ms. Onek, Dr. Diaz Reategui, Dr. Rettig, Ms. Smith-Collins, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Wagner, Ms. Weber. Dr. Baron, Mrs. Masterson, Dr. Reynard, Dr. Schmiedeler and Dr. Thomas sent word they would be unable to attend.

Introduction of committee members.

Dr. Bearman again discussed details about the purchasing decisions for the 2009/2010 materials budget. Although the library didn’t receive a budget cut last year, this year’s allocation did not increase, which resulted in a 9% reduction in purchasing power. This resulted in some substantial budget cuts in some departments. Your library liaison will e-mail a final list of material cuts and/or additions. If there are any questions, please contact your library liaison. With faculty support the library will continue to evaluate and assess library resources in order to balance the needs of the campus with what the library can afford.

Dr. Bearman reported that the Libraries Annual Report will serve as the basis for the first draft of the University’s response to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) report regarding its concerns about the Washburn Libraries. The response is being written by Drs. Tate and LaLonde and is due July 1, 2010. Dr. Bearman will send the annual report to committee members for their comments.

The 2011 operating fund requests will occur in the near future. So that Dr. Bearman can make accurate requests to the VPAA, each departmental representative should send their liaison a “wish list” as soon as possible.
The reference and circulation desks are in the process of construction to be combined to form a “Welcome Center.”

Endowment funds established for specific purposes have previously been used to supplement the material’s budget. This year, depending where money is available, these funds will be used for a one time special purchase. Begin thinking through what your department would like to purchase. More information will follow.

Dr. Bearman encouraged the faculty to attend as many WU Strategic Planning Forums as possible to advocate for library resources.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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