Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
January 24th, 2002
Meeting Room, Coe 115

Present: Richard Machalek, Derek Montague, Michael Nelson, Deb Person, Mark Kline, Mark Sunderman, Sarah Strauss, Donal O’Toole, Bob Corcoran
Visitors: Birgit Burke, Bill Van Arsdale, Karen Lange

Council Chair Debora Person called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes were approved without discussion.

COMMENT PERIOD:
There were no comments.

OLD/NEW/RESURRECTED BUSINESS
Old Business:

Database for Spring serials cancellations:
It is unclear at this point if we will have spring serials cancellations, however, the Libraries are preparing for that eventuality. William Van Arsdale will be pulling together data from several areas to give to the subject bibliographers to aid them in talking with their departmental liaisons. The Library Council expressed interest in statistics for how often sources are cited, titles, use counts, costs, inflation data, and on-line availability, as well as use history, inflation rates over time, how usage is counted, and cross disciplinary usage.

Review bibliographers visit to departments:
The Library Council discussed the sorts of information departments want from their bibliographers. Currently introduction to the Voyager system is not part of new faculty orientation. Portals are not yet available. Neither UW nor the bibliographers are ready to create portals. The suggested informal survey of faculty by the bibliographers has been postponed. The bibliographers are preparing subject resources pages.

Update on the SPARC Conference in Fort Collins:
The conference emphasized that serials inflation is an academic problem, not just a library problem. Ideally, peer review and publications need to be separated.

Address promotion and tenure issues with Faculty Senate:
The Library has been discussing the possibility of bringing in Jim Williams or Schulersenberger to give a talk on SPARC issues oriented specifically towards faculty concerns.

CSU tour vs. CSU visitor to next month’s meeting:
Debora spoke with a representative from the CSU libraries who suggested that a faculty member from their library could attend next month’s meeting to talk with the Library Council about what steps CSU is taking to address serials inflation.

Dean’s Search Committee Update:
SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29th, 4:00 p.m. in Coe 115.

Council Chair Debora Person adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.