Council of Library Department Heads
Minutes - February 12, 2001

Present: Michael Binder, Riley Handy, Linda Allan, Elaine Moore, Robbin Taylor, Haiwang Yuan, and Brian Coutts.

Minutes: Minutes for February 5, 2001 were approved.

Announcements: Michael announced that the Libraries' front page link on the WKU Homepage has been restored and a "quick link to" TIP established.

Dean's Report: Michael advised he had discussed the "Serials Funding Crisis" document with Provost Burch and also shared it with the Deans. It will be discussed at the forthcoming College Library Meetings scheduled for March.

Dr. Burch suggested that the Libraries might endeavor to isolate some items (expensive serials or databases) for special funding consideration.

Three additional proposals have been developed as "Opportunities for Funding." These include:

- FirstSearch
- ABI-Inform
- Science Citation Index

Michael mentioned that if funded these would be given "protected status."

A full day Deans' retreat is scheduled for February 13, 2001 to review "funding proposals."

He also reviewed a progress report from KYVL and circulated new KYVL promotional literature.

KYVL administrators claim the state's libraries have saved $35 million because of the consortial arrangements and state funding of KYVL databases.

DLATS Report: Linda reported that Chris Groves, Deana's husband, is now at home recovering from injuries sustained in a recent caving accident. She is scheduled to return to work next week.

DLPS Report: Brian reported that he, Linda Allan & Michael Franklin met with the Department of Music Library Representative Mary Wolinski to discuss the forthcoming visit of a Music Accreditation team. The group agreed on short term goals which will involve brief cataloging of a "selected" group of recordings. These are to be reviewed by Music Faculty. Long term goals include a special area/floor for music recordings, scores and a listening area.
Brian also reported that Ruth Kinnersley is coordinating a response to a request from the Coordinator of the Honors Programs for special library privileges for thesis students.

**DLSC Report:** Riley reported continued problems with the heating system in the Kentucky Building. A new compressor may have to be ordered.

He also noted that a schedule for scanning parts of the collection is being reviewed. Thought has been given to scanning a portion of our extensive "steamboat pictures" collection.

Nancy Baird has been nominated by DLSC for a University Distinguished Professorship. The selection will be made by a university committee including current Distinguished Professors.

**Development Report:** Robbin advised that a photo of H. B. Clark from BellSouth has been taken for the library’s newsletter.

While in Chicago, Robbin reviewed ideas for our Glasgow Library with RR Donnelly officials. $10,000 will be allocated to buy laptop computers, display racks and a leisure reading periodicals collection. The balance will be deposited in the WKU Foundation.

The first half of the Hilliard-Lyons grant $12,250 has arrived. An order for new equipment is being readied.

Firstar Bank has agreed to sponsor the Kentucky Women Artists' exhibit and Pepsi will sponsor the Tour of Folk Music.

Funds raised to support the Book Festival total $21,000.

**Electronic Information:** Pending appeal to the Supreme Court on the Tasini vs NY Times case one of our online newspaper vendors NewsBank has decided to pull all content and indexing from their electronic files for the Louisville Courier Journal prior to January, 1999.

**Web and Virtual Library Report:** Haiwang noted that he has finished scanning slides for the next "Far Away Places" workshop.

**Funding Justification for WKU Libraries:** Elaine distributed a document describing the critical role of WKU electronic subscriptions as a complement to the 32 KYVL databases, WKU funds 91 additional databases.

This document was shared with Dr. Burch at a recent meeting.

**2001 Joint Faculty Awards Committee:** Riley Handy and Linda Allan were appointed to serve as the UL representatives on this committee.

**Task Force on Internet Cataloging:** A report prepared by Rose Davis as Chair of this group was distributed. Department Heads were asked to discuss it with their faculties.
For the Council,

Brian E. Coutts