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

Minutes: Minutes for January 8, 2001 were approved.

DLSC Report: Riley announced that the weekend of April 28 has been selected for the annual Robert Penn Warren symposium. John Burt, literary executor for the Warren family, will be the featured speaker.

A recent addition to the Warren collection is a Russian production of "All The King's Men."

The Museum Advisory Board meets January 22.

DLATS Report: Linda distributed December TOPCAT 2000 statistics:

- Bibliographic records: 489,441
- Items: 579,015
- Patrons: 18,247
- Reserve List: 388
- Serials: 4,211
- Withdrawals: 330

Linda announced that we are now using TOPCAT to manage our main library reserve collection. Access is by professor, course, and department.

DLPS Report: Brian announced that he had forwarded a draft letter to the Dean in response to a decision by the Warren County Law Library Trustees to end their 35 year agreement with WKU. Michael will be reviewing this with Dr. Burch.

Repair work on the Helm heating system is still underway.

An estimate for removal of the ramp leading to Room 201 is being reviewed.

Marketing and Special Events Report: Earlene distributed a news article from the Courier-Journal on the African-American Folk Art Exhibit.
300 people attended the opening of the exhibit including sponsors Curtis and Shannon Sullivan of Omni Meats. A hands-on folk art activity took place during the opening.

A new BellSouth Workshop 2001 series brochure has been distributed.

A Used Book Sale to benefit the Southern Kentucky Festival of Books will be held February 16-18 at the old Bowling Green Mall. The sale is sponsored by Famous Barr. Books can be dropped off at Famous Barr thru February 12.

The books will be moved to the sale location by inmates from the local jail. Pepsi Cola will sell beverages and share profits with the Festival.

128 Authors have committed to this year's Book Festival, 41 of these are from Kentucky.

Earlene was optimistic that noted White House reporter Helen Thomas may attend.

Twelve of twenty books shelves to be decorated for auction to support the Book Festival have been assigned to various schools and organizations.

**Electronic Information Report:** Elaine reported that two additional web accessible databases (Current Biography Illustrated and Shepherds Online) have been added. Current Biography provides full text access to 23,000 biographies and obituaries and is available on and off campus. Shepherd's traces legal citations and is restricted to WKUNet access via ID and password.

The KYVL Gateway ID and password have been changed (effective 01/31/01) to "xxxxx" and "xxxxx".

Electronic access will soon be available for 73 Elsevier journals which we currently subscribe to.

KYVL Faculty and Student Focus groups have been scheduled to obtain feedback on KYVL databases.

**Web & Virtual Library Report:** Haiwang reported that more than 100 author biographies have been added to the Book Festival Web Site. Photos will be up soon.

During his recent China trip he spoke on "How Digital Libraries Impact Traditional Libraries," On "U.S. Libraries and Their Organization," and on "Faculty/Staff Evaluations."

An article on TIP appears in the most recent issue of the Journal of the National Library.

He has been invited to speak on China to students at Rich Pond Elementary School and to a Chinese Language class at Western.

**Hilliard-Lyons Foundation Grant:** Elaine, Brian, David and Darla met January 11 at the ERC to discuss equipment to be purchased from the first half of the grant - $12,250. Agreement was reached to purchase:
6 PC's
1 Mac
1 Networked Laser Printer
1 Multimedia cart
$1,000 worth of educational software

**Staff Evaluations**: Are due in Human Resources by Friday, January 26. Copies should be sent to the Dean's office.

For the Council,

Brian E. Coutts