Council of Library Department Heads
Minutes - November 19, 2001

Present: Michael Binder, Elaine Moore, Nancy Baird, Haiwang Yuan, Linda Allan and Brian Coutts.

Minutes: Minutes of November 5, 2001 were approved.

Dean's Report: Michael discussed the recent Colloquy Live on the topic "Are College Libraries Too Empty?" sponsored by the Chronicle of Higher Education. He distributed a summary of the questions and responses.

Michael also distributed a document on SACS Criteria whose primary focus is on quality enhancement. Council members were asked to give some examples of recent quality enhancements in their areas. Elaine distributed a document entitled "Funding Justification for WKU Libraries' Collections in the Kentucky Virtual Library Environment" in which she notes that KYVL was funding 34% of the 119 Databases WKU Libraries makes available to its faculty and staff. This is up from 27% a year ago.

DLSC Report: Nancy announced that Lynn Niedermeier will be signing copies of her new book on the "Potter College For Girls" on December 2 in the Kentucky Building. The book is published by the Landmark Society. Professor Carol Crowe-Carraco will be reviewing it for the Daily News.

This year's Christmas tree ornament features the Kentucky Building and will be on sale in the Museum Store.

DLPS Report: Brian reported that he and Peggy had finalized the script for the new library video. They have also completed the program for the first year of Kentucky Live!

Marketing & Special Events: The Harry Potter Premiere Party at the Depot Branch of the Public Library sponsored by the Southern Kentucky Festival of Books drew a crowd estimated at 300. Michael, Brian and Haiwang represented CLDH and Brian served as a judge in the "Harry Potter Look Alike Contest." Haiwang's photos of the event are available from the "book festival" web site.

Development Report: Michael reported that candidate interviews are underway in the search to replace Robbin Taylor.

Electronic Information: Elaine reported that the latest "Bell South Internet Workshop" on Senior Sites by Rosemary Meszaros drew a small but enthusiastic group.
Plans have been developed to arrange subscriptions/access to the Applied Science and Technology Index, Biological and Agricultural Index, PAIS, Books In Print and Lexis-Nexis. Some of these were formerly provided by KYVL.

CPE has requested $500,000 in additional support from the state. If successful our share of the KYVL match would increase from $14,000 to $28,000.

**Web and Virtual Library Report:** Haiwang described highlights from the recent Internet Librarian's Conference held in Pasadena. Key themes included "e-books, e-reference, wireless and usability. Two vendors offering e-reference are 2417 Reference and HIS. Both provide a platform to offer round the clock web reference service.

For the Council,

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