Present: Dr. Binder, Nancy Baird, Brian Coutts, Connie Foster, Heather Slack-Ratiu, Haiwang Yuan.

The minutes of March 3 were approved.

Dean's Report: The Collections & Connections Editorial Committee is completing the final draft and soon will have it in final form -- online as well as a one page copy. Using monies available through the Margie Helm Foundation, University Libraries has purchased Alice Gatewood Waddell's painting of "Strawberry Delight." It will belong to the Kentucky Museum but will be on indefinite loan to the main library. Brian plans to ask Ms. Waddell to be a speaker on next year's Kentucky Live! series and also use her painting in the fliers that advertise the series.

The Margie Helm Fund is providing monies for SmartBoard training for University Libraries faculty and staff. (The Helm Cravens Library and the Kentucky Library & Museum each have a new SmartBoard).

The university's budget deliberations are scheduled to begin March 19. Soon thereafter, we should know about college and department budgets for this and the coming year. The base of this year's university budget will be cut $1.4 million as will next year's base. However, the university expects a $3 million increase next year, thus actually gaining $1.6 next year over this.

The dean encouraged the department heads to attend the April 7 "Crisis in Scholarly Communication" symposium at UK.

DLTS Report: On April 1 Rose Davis, Connie Foster and Roxanne Spencer will have a 4-H Club "shadow" who will learn about libraries and librarians. (The librarian/archivists in the Kentucky Library have also enjoyed a "show" recently).

DLPS Report: A "reporter" from Library Journal recently interviewed Brian about the use of the library, about building partnerships, good panning and raising private funds. Peggy Wright and Brian are working on plans for Far Away Places for 2003-04 and to date have scheduled programs on Argentina (David Keeling), New Zealand (Judith Hoover) and France and the Tour de France (Eric Reed). Connie suggested that Brian talk to David Barnaby about Antarctica.

Shelving (paid for with Helm money) is now being installed on the 8th floor and in periodicals. More shelving is en route for government documents.

The steam heat has been shut off in the Helm and Cravens buildings.
The wiring estimate for the Helm snack room is $1,120.

**Development Report:** Heather distributed the February WKU Foundation report and asked for notes/reminders about involving Integra and Trace Die Cast for coming programs/series. She also indicated that the large number of books donated by Lowell Harrison will be credited in the development office reports as an in-kind gift.

**DLSC Report:** The two computers in the Whitey Sanders Cartoon exhibit have been fixed and are now working. Our thanks to David Runner!

Donna Parker has received word that the library & museum's bid for the "Forever Free" exhibit was accepted. Created by the Huntington Library, financed by the National Endowment for the Humanities and distributed through American Library Association, the exhibit about Lincoln and emancipation will be shown in 40 libraries around the nation during the next four years.

The "Young at Heart" exhibit (original art works used in children's books) opened on Saturday; the fanfare usually associated with an exhibit will coincide with the book festival's Author's Reception on April 11th. The exhibit as well as the accompanying bookmarks and fliers are spectacular!

The Kentucky Building has been a busy place with lots of well attended programs: a March 15th teachers' workshop on photography; a visit from Alben Barkley (a one-man show by Donald Johnson) on March 16th; and three art classes for children during the week. The museum's artist in residence has more requests for art classes that she can fill!

**Web & Virtual Library Report:** Kentucky Information in Cyberspace has been updated. Roxanne and Haiwang have completed the first web version of *Collections & Connections* and it should be completed soon.

The web on the Civilian Conservation Corps and Mammoth Cave is up and are great!

The meeting adjourned about 11:30.

For the council,

Nancy Baird