Members Present: Dale Canelas (Ex-Officio), Jason Fleming, Blake Landor, Jason Neelis and Ralf Remshardt

Members Absent: Swapna Banerjee, Anna Brajter-Toth, and Robin Lauriault

Guest: John Ingram and Carol Turner

1. Blake Landor was elected Chair and Ralf Remshardt was elected Chair Elect.

2. Dr. John Ingram gave a summary of the FY 2005-2006 library materials budget. In previous years UF has allocated one million dollar in non recurring funds to the library budget. These funds have now been allocated as recurring funds. However, this year’s library budget is still approximately $500,000 less than what was expended last year (the result of a larger DSR amount than this year and carryover of DSR funds from 2004-2005). It is a quarter million in hard cash below what was spent last year, however since that figure doesn’t include inflation impact the amount is actually three-quarters million below. The library is trying to build endowments to compensate for the lack of state funding but as Dr. Ingram noted this is a difficult task. The electronic resources budget doubled from last year because periodicals previously purchased in hardcopy are now being purchased electronically. The budget was approved by the ULC.

3. Blake Landor asked members to review the ULC’s revised charge proposed last April and forward questions to him. The suggested changes were reviewed by the Senate Constitution Committee and the Committee on Committees. These committees suggested some changes in the wording and requested further clarification from ULC in response to their suggestions.

Currently no student representatives have been appointed to the ULC. The UF Student Affairs Office is in charge of making recommendations for student appointments to Senate committees. Mike Rollo, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, has been working with Faculty Senate to make these appointments.

UPDATE: Two new one-year faculty appointments have been made to ULC to replace Drs. Swapna Banerjee and Anna Brajter-Toth, who are on sabbatical leave. The new appointees are Dr. Charles Byrd and Dr. Richard Conley.

4. Carol Turner distributed and reviewed service policies for Faculty Study Rooms (36 total) in Library West, the Graduate Floor (1 total) of Library West, Graduate Study Carrels (84 total) in Library West and Group Study Rooms (22 total) in Library West.

ULC members recommended the following:
Faculty Study Rooms:
  • Require recommendation from department chair
  • Instill time limit
  • Do not focus on emeritus status
  • **NOTE:** Carrels are needed most in the Assistant Professor and Sabbatical stages.

Graduate Floor:
  • Install as many lockers as possible

Graduate Study Carrels:
  • Require recommendation from their committee chair
  • Require student to have passed general exam

Group Study Rooms:
  • Rooms signed out at circulation counter.