University Libraries Committee
Minutes
April 12, 2006

Members Present: Dale Canelas (Ex-Officio), Richard Conely, Jason Fleming, Blake Landor (Chair), Robin Lauriault, Jason Neelis and Ralf Remshardt

Members Absent: Charles Byrd and Crystal Thorpe

Guest: Joe Aufmuth

1. The March 8, 2006 minutes were approved.

2. Director of University Libraries Dale Canelas and Interim Director for Library Support Services Bill Covey met with Provost Janie Fouke and Director of University Budget Sherri Austin to discuss the Library’s 2006-2007 Budget Proposal. The provost did not supply any information about how much the Libraries budget might be. At the end of all the Provost’s budget proposal meetings a letter will be distributed to all deans/directors outlining how UF will proceed for 2006-2007.

The Draft UF Work Plan contained very little information about the libraries. Dale Canelas drafted information for inclusion in the work plan, library faculty reviewed it and it has been submitted to Kim Tanzer.

The provost did not provide any information about the Future of the Libraries Taskforce she is going to appoint.

The Senate Resolution - no feedback has been received from the president to date.

3. At the Senate meeting Kim Tanzer discussed the libraries serial cut and said that per the provost all departments at UF should be making plans for a $0 increase. She also mentioned that HSCL and the Law Library are also expected to cut $500,000 and $200,000 respectively.

Provost Fouke spoke, however she did not mention the impending cuts. She did however mention Dale Canelas (George A. Smathers Libraries) and Faith Meakin’s (HSCL) retirements and said this would provide the opportunity to rethink organizational structure and the UF library system’s future.

4. Joe Aufmuth presented a Geographic Information Services presentation entitled, “From the Air: Creating a GIS & Web Interface to Historical Aerial Photography.

5. The next University Libraries Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2006. Dr. Ralf Remshardt will be the new ULC chair.

6. Plans for a previously mentioned Library dedication are uncertain due to the Library Development Officer vacancy. The library is expected to open in mid to late June so perhaps a ceremony will be planned for fall 2006.

Dale Canelas received notification the covered walk way between Library West and Smathers Library (Library East) is being removed.