



## Report of the University Libraries Committee December 15, 2005

During the Fall Semester of 2005, the University Libraries Committee met on October 19, November 16, and December 14. The matters of business that the committee discharged include:

- 1) **Approval of the materials budget for FY 2005-2006.** The library's materials budget is \$500,000 less than what was spent last year. This is due to less money being allocated from DSR and the DSR money that had carried over in previous years having been spent. After brief discussion, ULC approved the library budget.
- 2) **Recommendations for service polices in the renovated Library West for Faculty Study Rooms (36 total), the Graduate Student Floor, Graduate Study Carrels (84 total), and Group Study Rooms (22 total).** Carol Turner, Associate Director of Public Services, shared with the committee a draft of policy recommendations. These were discussed and approved with some revisions.
- 3) **A letter from the Chair of ULC responding to a request from Chris Snodgras, Chair of the University Constitution Committee.** Last April ULC had submitted a proposal for revising Senate ByLaw 20B1g, which describes the mandate and membership of ULC. This proposal was vetted by the University Committee on Committees and the University Constitution Committee. On October 14, Dr. Snodgras wrote ULC asking for further clarification regarding the Appointment section of ULC's proposal. In the meeting on November 16, ULC agreed that the Chair of ULC should write a response requesting that members of ULC be elected by all the colleges that UF Libraries serve. That letter was sent to Dr. Snodgras on November 29.
- 4) **Approval (with revisions) of a proposal for a partnership agreement between University Libraries and Administrative Affairs to provide a Starbucks café in the renovated Library West.** This proposal is for an arrangement similar to that whereby the University and Reitz Union split evenly a percentage of the gross sales earned by ARAMARK for food services in the Reitz Union; ARAMARK is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the food services area. ULC expressed its support for a similar arrangement whereby the Library would divide evenly with the University a percentage of the gross sales realized in the library Starbucks, and ARAMARK would be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the café area. The committee felt strongly that the Library Director and faculty should be consulted in the planning of a library café, and the Library Director should be included in current and future contract negotiations.

In the November meeting of the Policy Council on Academic Infrastructure and Support, Blake Landor brought up the library café proposal. Scott Nygren suggested that discussion of this proposal be postponed until the Policy Council meets in January. At that time the Policy Council can decide whether this proposal should be brought before the Faculty Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Landor  
Chair, University Libraries Committee