Town Meeting Notes

August 25, 2005

1. Lowe’s will be moving into the K-mart Shopping Center that also has the LAD. Therefore, the Libraries will be moving LAD materials into the Publix-Annex recently vacated by the Law Library. Lowe’s will be responsible for paying the Libraries moving cost. The 1st payment from Lowe’s is expected at the end of August, first week in September. This would give the Libraries an anticipated beginning moving date on the 2nd to 3rd week in September. The move estimate originally thought to cost approximately $50,000 is actually going to cost $100,000. The good news is the payment from Lowe’s will cover the cost of the move to the Publix-Annex. The bad news is it may not cover the cost of the move from the Publix-Annex to the renovated Library West.

2. Bookends were not purchased with the new Library West shelving and the old bookends are being used at ALF. New bookends will mean an additional $100,000 cost.

3. UF Administration provided Dale with a Starbucks proposal that stated the Libraries would lose control of the space and not receive any revenue. Negotiations are being resumed to see if the library can get a more reasonable deal. Bill Covey met with an Aramark representative on Monday, August 22nd. Negotiations for a Café continue.

4. UF’s total Expense budget is $1 million. We requested additional resource, expense, and staffing funds in the annual budget request, but there has been no indication of how the new Provost Janie Fouke will distribute the few additional funds the university received this year. All indications point to a very, very tight budget year for UF as well as the Libraries. The Libraries received a $1 million base increase to the materials budget, which brings this year’s materials budget to $6.7 million. This still falls short of last year’s $7.9 million budget. Acquisitions has spent over $3 million so far this year. This figure includes deposit funds, which take care of most of the Periodicals but not all electronic resources. DSR has not dispersed funds for this fiscal year partly owing to PeopleSoft problems. At this time there is no indication of when or what amount will be received. President Machen has charged Jimmy Cheek, Doug Barrett and Janie Fouke with determining how to fix PeopleSoft in the next 30 days. Dale Canelas has spoken with Winfred Phillips about how not receiving DSR funds and inflation impact the Libraries spending. She presented a breakdown of how DSR funds have been utilized in the past. At this point we do not know how much acquisition can be done this year or even if the same amount as last year can be spent. Dale Canelas has a meeting with the new Provost Janie Fouke September 7, 2005.

5. The FCLA budget is flat which has resulted in a $250,000 deficit compared to what they spent last year.
6. The Library West construction project is on schedule. The air-conditioning is functioning on the 4th through 6th floors. Some walls have been painted and some bathroom tile installed. The compact shelving rails will be installed soon.

7. John Ingram recently attended the Provost Breakfast and two of President Machen’s goals focus on faculty pay and the faculty challenge.

8. John Ingram recently attended a Council on Academic Infrastructure and Support meeting. The topic of administratively merging the Health Science Center Library and Smathers Libraries was mentioned in passing but was not discussed.

9. Shared governance requires activity between faculty and UF Administration. UF Administration wants Senate and faculty to work together. Shared governance will only exist if faculty participate.

10. Bill Covey distributed a prioritized 2005-2006 Library Goals document noting that the overarching goal is moving back into Library West. This will be a very busy year.

11. A committee has been formed for staff recognition. It is not clear what control individual units (like the libraries) will have to provide staff recognition. UF Human Resources will evaluate with a view of University wide practices.

12. The Copying, Printing, and Scanning Task Force submitted a report but it has not yet been discussed. It will be discussed at the next PSC meeting.