



## *Librarians' Meeting November 11, 2004*

Present: M.Aldrich, C.Stevens, C.Goodson, A.Davis, B.Giffies, J.Ruskell, S.Lankford, B.Vinson, M.House, C.Huff, S.Smith, M.McManus

Absent: B.Kooy, C.Carroll

Items for the Good of the Order:

- ⇒ Summer School money has not been distributed. Mark believes that Bill Gauthier must still allocate it to the various schools. Shirley will call Patsy Barr regarding the number of classes and the amount due to the Library, possibly \$8,000.
- ⇒ Susan reported that one of the microfilm printers was not working and should be looked at. Jan replied that the machine was not broken, the door had been left ajar, she noticed it, closed it, and the machine was working.
- ⇒ ProQuest has agreed to digitize the Atlanta Journal-Constitution up to 1925. They will then digitize 3 additional years each year after.

Budget: Mark reported that during the Dean's Meeting it was announced that Academic Affairs is expected to give back \$231,618, due to the States budget short fall. Some of this money will come from evening studies. Also, empty faculty/staff positions will be taken selectively, it is anticipated that they will be reinstated for new hires for the next fiscal year. We are to continue faculty searches because these positions probably will not be filled until July 1. Mark will get a list of where the money is coming from and a dollar amount on how much will be taken when the VPAA makes this available.

SFX info item: Christy handed out copies of a flier she intends to distribute for SFX. She asked for feed back and/or suggestions. Chris stated that he was working on a usability study regarding the SFX icon. He did not see a problem with going ahead with the fliers as he still needed clearance from the IRP office and several other system institutions will be involved in the discussion regarding any changes.

- ⇒ Chris also reminded everyone that the last schedule posted indicated GIL will go down on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The best case scenario is that it will go down after 5:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and be back up on January 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Directions to the Universal Catalog will be available if anyone MUST know if we have a book while we are closed over the semester break. Since a GIL link will not be available, Chris Huff will have his home phone number on the Library web page so that he can be reached if anyone has questions.
- ⇒ The Universal Catalog will have a test database available to "play with"/test the Unicode OCLC switch over on character sets. This will be available on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ Susan announced that at the AAUP meeting the previous Friday several local legislative representatives were present. President Sethna stated that he would like to see increased taxes to fund higher education. The representatives resisted any call to increase taxes.

Board of Regents information:

- ? The Board of Regents have been looking at information regarding usability of class room space. This information, pulled from Banner, is not correct as much of it is out dated. The Master Facility Plan worked on correcting much of this information.
- ? An increase in Tech Fee money has been approved by the Board of Regents but they do not seem to want to say how much of an increase.
- ? There have been questions recently from members of the community regarding the cost of the new student center in the face of claimed budget woes. The public has apparently not realized that the new student center will be funded by a student approved increase in fees.
- ? The moratorium on Mission issues has been lifted. It seems likely the University may officially change to "UWG".

- ? Public Education programs may increase depending on geographic proximity to institutions. There is talk of the BoR augmenting 2 year College “feeder” programs.
- ? Any additional UWG programs must be funded by non-traditional means and must be capable of being supported by materials available in the library.