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Members Present: R. Dundas (Chair), M. Barakzai, J. Dussich, M. Gibson,
G. Gray, P. McDonald, K. Robles-Smith, S. Rocca,
A. Stratemeyer, A. Valencia.

Members Absent: T. Attard (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Dundas at 2:00 p.m. in Science II #114.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2008.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda of December 5, 2008.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Meeting times for Spring 2009 semester are: February 6, March 6,
April 3, May 8.

Chair R. Dundas is drafting a memo to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate with the proposed changes to the Library Subcommittee's charge. Chair Dundas will circulate the draft memo to the Library committee for comment and revision prior to its submission to the Academic Senate.

4. Library Report.

It now appears that the earliest that the new library will open is February 2, 2009, and it is possible that the opening will be delayed until February 9, 2009. Timing of the opening events is uncertain at this point.

5. Committee Feedback to the Library; discussion items from Dean McDonald:
 - a. 'Free' multi-media scholarship on the deep web -- interest among faculty to use in teaching?

This could be helpful for faculty across campus. For example, videos for the Nursing program would be significant. Based on committee member comments, it is apparent that many faculty are

not aware of, or haven't thought about, this topic. So there is a need to educate the faculty about this subject. The Library will be looking into ways to manage this, and what methodologies may be used to implement such a program.

- b. Institutional repositories where faculty can provide direct access to their research -- faculty benefits and their interest?

This could be used to archive videos, slides, large datasets, projects (such as in Education) that don't otherwise get into the Library, etc. The system would have to be easy to use, maintain and access. CSU Chico and Cal Poly have setups that the committee could look at to get a better sense of such a system. Kimberley Smith will send the committee links to view.

- c. 'How to Get Published' colloquium in March - topics of interest?

This will be a day-long event in late March 2009. It could include topics such as: 1) What are editors looking for? 2) Retaining copyright, 3) How is publishing evolving? If the committee members have additional topic ideas, please let Peter McDonald know. The event could be targeted particularly toward graduate students and newer faculty.

- d. In tough budget times and likely cuts across the board -- what resources/materials are most critical to faculty? What less so?

Maintaining online journals and databases, print journals and book acquisitions is of primary concern to the faculty (and also students who were asked), according to committee members who polled faculty in their colleges. Instant message chat with reference librarians is popular among some students.

The topic of collections development policy arose. Currently, the Library has a general collections development policy, but perhaps individual program collections policies could be developed to better guide the Library in acquisition of materials important to the various disciplines on campus. The committee will examine this topic further during spring 2009.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Library Subcommittee is Friday, February 6, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Science II, room #114. An agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.