

LMS Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 5, 2007

Present: Marlia Banning, Tom Klingler (Ex-officio), Mary Lovin (Secretary), Mark Pike (Ex-officio), Alexa Sandmann, Barbara Schloman (Ex-officio), Jonathan Selinger, John Thornton (Chair), Mark Weber (Ex-officio), Sue Ellen Wright (Alternate)

Guest: Mary Lee Jensen

1. Minutes

The minutes were approved.

2. Library Live

Mary Lee Jensen, Head of Library Instructional Services, explained *Library Live Conference* information and highlighted promotion efforts. *Library Live* gives faculty and graduate students an opportunity to learn about new and exciting resources and tools. It will be held on February 16, 2007.

In the spring she hopes to do an information literacy survey.

3. Buying Books, Developing the Collection

Tom Klingler explained several issues the Libraries are facing. Our unspent book balance is high. At this time of the year, balances should not exceed 40%. He explained that title by title book buying is labor intensive. A better way would be to have more books approved automatically. In the absence of faculty input, liaison librarians must maintain a steady building of book buying and should consider buying books for the OhioLINK collection and not just the Kent State University collection.

Large book deals are in the works with OhioLINK. Tom explained how e-books are more cost effective and can handle unlimited simultaneous users. Tom reiterated that we need to get away from paper slips and move from paper to electronic means. He asked all to think about the way we obtain books and what we can do to improve the process and e-mail him at TK@kent.edu with thoughts, questions, and issues regarding book buying.

4. Report to the Faculty Senate

Mark Weber said we will prepare a short report from this committee outlining the issues facing the Libraries and give it to Cheryl Casper.

5. Facilities Projects

It has been a busy year for facilities projects; Barbara Schloman reported:

- On the 10th floor, the constructing of the Gerald R. and Victoria Read Archival Processing Facility and Classroom will begin in May and will be completed by fall. We have been weeding the Government Documents collection and most of the information is available online.

- On the 4th floor, the Writing Commons and the Writing Center will be moved from Satterfield and ready by fall.
- On the 3rd floor, two bays were given to Library and Information Science for the Library School to acquire the Marantz Collection of children's books. As soon as the Design Solutions area is complete, construction on the Marantz Collection area will begin. Design Solutions is now two-thirds complete.
- On the 2nd floor services will be reorganized and some of the space will be given to the executive offices as office space and an area will be created for a student presentation room.
- In the basement, Room 019 will emerge from its 1970's dark paneling and orange striped floor covering to an expanded room with computers at the perimeter of the room with movable tables and chairs in the center of the room. The Music Library will be relocated to the Main Library because of the Roe Green new addition in Music and Speech. Our goal is to create a flexible work environment to anticipate change.