POSSIBLE PRIORITIES FOR THE ULC GOING INTO 2008-09
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In no particular order.

(1) **Better utilize Scholars' Bank**. The difference between SB and posting on a web page is akin to that between keeping one's own notebooks vs. publication. How can we encourage use and visibility? What are additional uses (for teaching and service, as well as research) which might be appropriate?

(2) **Electronic formats of theses.** Currently, PDF's of UO theses are not readily available. Should ULC advocate for this, initiating a conversation with Marian Friestad?

(3) **Customized library interface web pages.** The main library page is designed for maximal usefulness for undergraduates, which is working well. Might it be worthwhile to encourage development of area-specific web pages? For example, it could be set up so that one could simultaneously search the library's collection, Google and Google scholar, subject specific databases (e.g. Math-SciNet) and archives (e.g. the ArXiv), Amazon, ...

(4) **Initiate a publishing consortium for faculty and administrators.** Journal prices are adversely affecting our collection, and throughout a number of areas we see the economics of publishing getting in the way of research and teaching. While librarians have been the most knowledgeable in these issues, the best progress has been seen when faculty and administrators have been heavily involved in the publishing system. Do we, working with our Senate, want to initiate a broad-based coalition, which would cooperate with existing consortia, to increase such involvement?

(5) **Information and technology services subcommittee.** Would we like to essentially revive what was once a committee, and form a subcommittee which advises our administration and staff on matters of technology, as it pertains to research and teaching?

(6) **Funding.** Should we make it even more clear how important library funding is to the core mission of the university, and lobby for budgeting measures which will stop, if not reverse, the shrinking (in inflation-adjusted dollars) of our library budget? For example, having a "library tax" on gifts to the university. Can outreach (outside of campus) help?

(7) **Staffing.** Because of budget pressures, the library has had severe limitations in its ability to recruit and develop staff. It might nonetheless make sense to pause and evaluate what the priorities have been, and identify areas where there is room for improvements (without large amounts of additional resources). This might be a good time for legwork on some surveys of both faculty and library staff.