

University Library Committee 1995-1996

Final Report

From Peter B Gilkey (Chair 1995/6 University Library Committee)

To President David Frohnmayer and Senate President Paul Simonda

Re Annual Report of the University Library Committee

Date 9 May 1996

The University Library Committee met 8 times during the year 1995/6. Minutes and supporting documents from these meetings are attached. A "home page" for the University Library Committee has been created and all these documents are available on the world wide web (<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~libcom>).

The meetings of October 11, October 25, November 7, November 29, and January 17 dealt with the serials budget cut. The committee considered carefully the options available and recommended that the University Library proceed with a \$500,000 budget cut. The committee recommended that the budget cut be apportioned in a way that roughly approximates the inflation experience in broadly based disciplines.

The meeting of April 8 dealt with the Orbis proposal; this seemed to be an extremely desirable way to share holdings amongst various Libraries in the northwest. The meetings of April 22 and May 6 dealt with copyright issues at the University and their impact on the reserve room; a policy was recommended to deal with these issues.

The chair would like to take this opportunity to commend the faithful service of the committee members Bart Alexander (Student Member), Frances Cogan (Honors College), John Gage (English Department), Lucy Lynch (Computing Center), William Orr (Geology), Theodore Palmer (Mathematics), Leland Roth (Arch Hist), Joseph St. Sauver (Computing Center), George Shipman (University Librarian), Bill Washburn (Student member), and Ray Weldon (Geology). The University of Oregon has a long tradition of shared governance and the participation of faculty and students on such committees is an important part of University life.

There are many issues which face the University Library Committee for 1996/7. First and foremost is dealing with the budgetary problems which the Library continues to face; the serials cancellation process undertaken this year does not solve the long term financial pressures facing the Library by any means. It will be necessary to study carefully the budgets allocated for serials acquisitions to each of the departments and schools within the University; this will be a difficult task.

The issue of copyright and its impact on the reserve room and library as a whole will continue to require close scrutiny. Finally, the chair also hopes that the minutes and other documents of the University Library Committee will continue to be available to the University Community on the world wide web.