LIBRARY FACULTY MEETING: September 3, 1987

MINUTES
Place: A-V Conference Room at 9:00 A.M.
Moderator: Marianne Burke

1. Administrative Report

Director Clyde Walton began by announcing that painting had begun on the new staff lounge located west of Serials. He then discussed the current fiscal year library materials budget, which totals $2,654,029. Approximately 62%, or about $1.5 million, is allocated to serials, but inflation, the declining exchange value of the dollar and price gouging by British, Dutch, and German vendors means that this allocation is inadequate.

The Library Administration has decided to augment the serials budget for the current year and to make a very large cut in next year's allocation. The cuts will be effective for the fiscal year starting in July, 1988. In many cases the vendors have already been paid for this year's subscriptions. In order to protect the serials budget for the year ending in June, 1988, all monographic budgets are being trimmed by one third (1/3). Monographic orders are being held until the details are in place.

Clyde Walton and Leo Cabell have been meeting with VCAA Ekstrand. Ekstrand is not willing to solve the serials budget problem, which results in large measure from startling increases in engineering, science and professional journal prices, by releasing the $250,000 he has set aside for special purchases in the Humanities. As a means of limiting the required decrease in monographic allocations, the library administrator is transferring $100,000 from other library accounts and VCAA Ekstrand is committed to finding an as yet undetermined sum for monographs in addition to the 26.9% materials budget increase already received for FY'87-88.

Walton estimates that next year's serials budget shortfall will be $350,000. The Serials Department is compiling lists of titles by fund number and these will be distributed as soon as they are completed. The cuts to be implemented in FY'88-89 will be proportionate -- I.E. THE LARGER THE CURRENT SERIALS ALLOCATION THE LARGER THE CUT IN NEXT YEAR'S ALLOCATION. The goal is a 30% reduction in the total amount of money spent on serials. (A lengthy discussion erupted following this statement by Director Walton). Carol Mueller, Head of the Serials Department, said that the decisions on cuts must be made by January in order to make the resulting cancellations take effect by July, 1988.

Director Walton concluded his report by expressing the hope that the serials budget problem would be solved by the changes to be put in place for the coming budget year. Last year serials spending totalled $1,385,000, and this year an additional $300,000 is required just to continue last year's level of purchases.
3. Committee Reports

Faculty Personnel: David Fagerstrom discussed the committee's annual salary equity review responsibilities and the reasons for not providing copies of the "yellow sheets" to other institutions.

Travel Committee: No report

Sabbatical Committee: Allen Wynne said that the committee met with Leo Cabell and learned that the administration approves five months as the period for sabbatical leave with full pay.

Reappointment: No report

Nominations Committee: Martha Whittaker reported that Jan Nelson had been nominated for the Travel Committee vacancy. Marcia Meister was nominated from the floor. The committee will conduct an election.

Library Advisory Board: No report

Tenure Committee: No report

4. No Old Business or New Business

5. Announcements:

Skip Hamilton said that the Staff Cabinet has planned a social occasion for the first Friday in October at a staff member's house. Faculty interested should contact Skip. Also, plans are getting underway for a Christmas Party hosted by the Staff Cabinet and to be held at Koenig.

Carolyn Mueller said that the search for a Serials Department Catalog Unit Supervisor is in progress.

David Kohl said that searches are being organized for professionals in Business, Earth Science and Government Publications.

Karen Rice said that a search is commencing for a Chinese Language cataloger.

The Library Director search committee representatives were absent to attend a committee meeting. George McDonald has been appointed to the committee, replacing Bonnie Grebe as one of two Library staff representatives.

Nancy Carter announced that the Long Range Planning Committee is compiling a response to the Boulder Campus Development Office's private gift funding initiative. Only items specifically mentioned on an approved priority list will be eligible for future fund raising support by the CU Foundation. The committee meets on the 17th to set priorities on the items presented to it for evaluation by September 11. Ms. Carter invites library faculty members to submit requests to her for inclusion in the committee's report. It must be submitted no later than September 30th.
Ben Lt Bue discussed the SPA Executive Committee’s options in preparing a response to the Board of Regents’ 5/4 decision to delay for one month the confirmation of Professor Greenberg as Chairman of Political Science while Chancellor Corbridge conducts an inquiry about alleged discrimination against politically conservative faculty colleagues by the Political Science Department.

The Moderator announced for Jo Chanaud that the 20th anniversary of the Colorado Technical Reference Service will be celebrated on September 18 with an open house at CTRC’s office. Written invites can be expected.

6. Adjournment 10:25am