

University Library Committee  
Minutes  
September 13, 2001

Present:

Eileen Hitchingham, Library  
Deborah Milly, chair, Arts and Sciences)  
Deborah Cook, Business  
Raymond Plaut, Engineering  
Mark Schneider, Architecture and Urban Studies  
Anne Zajac, Faculty Senate  
Guests: Paul Metz, Donald Kenney, Anita Haney, Ed Lener

Absent: Jonathan Abbott, Veterinary Medicine; Richard Helm, Natural Resources; Paul Colley, Staff Senate; Diane Gillespie, Human Resources and Education; Jay Stipes, Agriculture and Life Sciences,

New and returning members were welcomed to the 2001-02 University Library Committee by new chair, D. Milly. Following introductions, P. Metz, Director of Collection Management and College-Based Services, shared a draft of the library outreach publication, "What Is It This Time," for ULC members to view and provide feedback. This latest issue of the flyer is the next in a [series](#) numbering about twenty that have gone out to the university community over the last two years in an attempt to spread the word about "buried treasures" or significant new library resources. Past issues have featured JSTOR, Special Collections, the library web page, statistical sources, the college librarian program and, more recently, linking to online articles. ULC members provided feedback on this next issue which features the library webpage and ways to access full-content "journals" (searchable by journal title or citation) versus full-content journal "articles" (searchable by keyword searching in various academic databases). Members are also encouraged to send topic suggestions to P. Metz for future issues.

Update on Library Strategic Plan

Copies of the latest Library Strategic Plan were distributed (also online in the library's webpage at <http://www.lib.vt.edu/info/stratplan/090501draft.pdf>). P. Metz reviewed the process that led to the current plan and expanded on each of the bullets under the major functional units: Collections, Services, Information Literacy, Preservation, Systems, Physical Spaces, and Staff. Input from ULC members was encouraged.

E. Hitchingham commented that the library strategic plan ties into University Strategic plan which discusses the need within the next five years to increase library resources to achieve 75% of the indicators of the top 21-30 institutions. She added that, on an encouraging note, the library appears to be one of the Provost's funding priorities along with research and infrastructure for graduate programs.

### Copy machines

D. Kenney, Associate Dean for Administrative Services, provided background on the need to raise library photocopy cost to 8 cents a page. Photocopy in the library is an auxiliary service and must generate resources to cover equipment, supplies and support. Due to an almost 50% decline in photocopy use in the library over the last four years, there has been a decrease in revenues needed to maintain service. This downward trend mirrors a national trend in declining photocopy use.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11.