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.