

Minutes University Library Committee

Date: February 15, 2005

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Library Board Room

Chair: Bill Newton

Members Present: Ralph Amateis, Douglas Berry, Paul Heilker, Eileen Hitchingham, Warner Kohler, Ray Plaut, David Radcliffe, Wyatt Sasser

Guests: Heather Ball, Bruce Pencek, Don Kenney

Agenda Items:

1. Document for introducing resolution regarding change of membership and change of reporting structure of University Library Committee.

Subsequent to the January 25 meeting committee members were asked to vote electronically regarding the draft Resolution to Amend University Council By-Laws in Order to Increase Membership of the University Library Committee. No negative votes were received and the document was approved.

2. Library Borrowing and renewal policy.

Committee members discussed several options for revising the Library's borrowing and renewal policy for faculty. Most of VT's peer institutions have more expansive borrowing periods according to a list compiled by Amy Nelson, Associate Professor in History, in a communication to the ULC.

Library book borrowing and renewal policies for faculty at Virginia Tech's Peer Institutions

(http://www.irpa.vt.edu/vt_peers.htm): N.B. Unless otherwise noted, "renewal" means renewing on line or by telephone.

- [The University of Arizona](#)
180 days, 12 renewals
- [University of California, Berkeley](#)
One year, no mention of renewal limits.
- [Colorado State University](#)
180 days, no mention of renewal limits
- [University of Colorado at Boulder](#)
180 days, unlimited renewals.
- [Cornell University](#)
180 days, no mention of renewal limits
- [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#)
100 days, renewals up to three years
- [The University of Iowa](#)
All books due on June 1. Books must be brought to the library for renewal between mid-April and mid-July for renewal. Unlimited renewals.
- [Iowa State University](#)
All books due at the end of the current academic year (i.e., the last day of Spring Semester). Materials must be brought to the library for renewal.
- [University of Maryland, College Park](#)
Faculty loan period is "approximately one year," no mention of renewal limits.
- [Michigan State University](#)
180 days; no mention of renewal limits
- [University of Michigan, Ann Arbor](#)
Term loan, unlimited renewals
- [University of Missouri-Columbia](#)
120 days, 2 renewals
- [North Carolina State University](#)
90 days, 2 renewals. NCSU Faculty members may request an additional loan cycle on books needed to complete research projects or if other circumstances warrant.
- [The Ohio State University](#)
No specific information about faculty borrowing privileges. Circulation website states that due dates may vary by library location, item type, and patron type. Faculty, staff, and students with a campus office may choose to have books mailed to them at that address by choosing "My Office" as their pickup location.

- [Pennsylvania State University](#)
Semester loan, unlimited renewals.
- [University of Pittsburgh](#)
Term loan, two renewals.
- [Purdue University](#)
16 weeks (112 days) for books in Social Sciences and Humanities, 3 weeks for books in sciences and engineering. Unlimited renewals
- [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#)
28 day loan, unlimited renewals
- [State University of New York at Buffalo](#)
16 weeks (112 days), unlimited renewals
- [University of Southern California](#)
Varies based on the material type of the item and on the privileges of the borrower. 10 renewals.
- [University of Tennessee, Knoxville](#)
52 weeks (364 days), 2 renewals
- [Texas A&M University](#)
4 months, 99 renewals,
- [The University of Texas at Austin](#)
semester loan, no mention of renewal limits
- [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#)
Varies widely from library to library. Social science library offers faculty semester loan with 6 renewals

Some possibilities discussed, with mixed support of members present at ULC included:

- 90 days, 1 renewal, for a total of 180 days before an item comes back (current practice)
- 90 days, 3 renewals for a total of 360 days before an item comes back
- 180 days, 5 renewals before an item comes back for a total of almost 3 years before an item comes back

E. Hitchingham said that it was clear that there were many good opinions concerning borrowing and that she would review the alternatives and inform the committee at its next meeting of the practices that she would implement as the new library system was brought up in August, 2005.