

**Minutes University Library Committee****Date: January 24, 2008****Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.****Location: Library Board Room****Chair:** Bill Newton**Members Present:** Nakhia Goulbourne; Robert Brown; Eileen Hitchingham; Michelle Moseley-Christian; Ross Edmonds; Irene Glennon; Joe Loferski; Osama Marzouk (for Fleur Gooden); Bill Newton.**Guests:** Aaron Purcell**Special Collections**

Purcell presented on the state and future of Special Collections at Virginia Tech Libraries. He focused on the broad areas of Collection Development, Instruction, Outreach, and Donor Work and Development. While building up already strong areas such as IAWA, Culinary History, and the American Civil War, Purcell pointed to renewed efforts to help students and faculty interact with the material either in-person or virtually. The value and power of primary resources is overwhelming and it is important to educate all users on usage, relevance, and access. These unique one-of-a-kind collections set us apart from other ARL libraries and establish the University Libraries at Virginia Tech as a center for research. Outreach beyond campus to potential donors and scholars is also underway. The department will be expanding its ranks during the coming months and with that growth new services will emerge. Committee member were invited to visit Special Collections.

**Campaign Update (Hitchingham)**

Hitchingham gave an update on the progress of the Campaign for Virginia Tech and the comprehensive goal for the University Libraries.

**Graduate Study Area (Hitchingham)**

Hitchingham announced that the new graduate study area on the fourth floor is now open and in use. All graduate students have been given access through the Hokie passport system to the study area.