

Minutes University Library Committee**Date: December 9, 2008****Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.****Location: Library Board Room****Chair:** Robert Brown**Members Present:** Eileen Hitchingham, Robert Brown, Larry Freeman, Carolyn Meier, Philip Young, Kahil Detrich on behalf of Nakhia Goulbourne, Sonal Mazumder, Sachi Nekkanti**Guests:****Review draft of letter from committee regarding library funding (E. Hitchingham)**

The committee discussed the draft letter to Dr. Steger and Dr. McNamee regarding library funding. Some editing changes were suggested. The letter asked that the Library be spared from the budget cutbacks and requests additional funding. The letter will be finalized and sent out by the end of the week.

Research Symposium, GSA and the support they need (S. Mazumder)

On March 25th, 2009 the Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly will be commencing the 25th Annual GSA Research Symposium. The award banquet will held on April 1, 2009. The symposium provides the opportunity for graduate students across the university to showcase their work and achievements. Students from various majors participate in this highly competitive event. This year they are expecting over 100 posters and 75 lecture presentations. Key note speaker will be Dr. Grant Wilson from the University of Texas at Austin. The Research Symposium committee, along with Dean DePauw is also seeking financial contributions to help support the event. The Library will provide some financial support.