

MINUTES  
University Library Committee  
November 16, 2005

- This special meeting of the ULC was called by Dean Smith to discuss the impending impact of the current fiscal situation on the operations of the library.
- Dean Smith detailed new hours of operation for the Library that included closing at 12:00 pm on Friday and remaining closed throughout the day on Saturday.
- Since only ~ 30 students/hour visit the library on Saturday, as opposed to ~ 70 students/hour on Sunday – Thursday, the new hours should have minimal impact on student usage of the facility.
- Dean Smith has made the decision to cancel all print journal subscriptions for the 2006 calendar year. The library currently has only ~ 55% of the funds necessary to pay for existing subscription renewals. Since there is not enough time to permit the examination of the current holdings and selectively eliminate titles, the director has decided to terminate the entire collection at this time.
- In the spring, the library director will solicit department-level input to rank specific journal titles according to ‘must have,’ ‘should have,’ and ‘nice to have’. Dean Smith projects that there should be ~\$10,000 to secure titles from the ‘must have’ list.
- The result of print subscription cancellation and other measures resulted in the library’s return of ~\$400,000 to the Provost. The request was made to make library staffing needs a priority when funds become available again.
- The ULC discussed the impact of journal cancellation on the accreditation status and the integrity of scholarship in all disciplines. Some money may be available to purchase titles needed for accreditation on a case-by-case basis.
- The disposition of the recently enacted \$5/semester student assessment fee was queried.
- A suggestion was made to assist the payment of interlibrary loan charges from the ULM Foundation Library Acquisition Fund if needed.
- It was decided that this special meeting of the ULC would substitute for the scheduled meeting of 11/30/05. The first spring term meeting of the ULC was scheduled for 1/25/06.