Library Committee Report
2011-2012

The Library Committee met in fall of 2011 to review the possibility of the Library receiving renovation funds from the University. Of more importance, the committee also met with the search firm that was going to lead the search for the Head Librarian given the departure of Jim Rettig. Committee member, Bill Ross, volunteered to serve on the search committee.

In December of 2011, Acting Head Librarian, Kevin Butterfield, met with the Library Committee Chair (Tom Arnold) to discuss renovation ideas for the Library to become more of an information center for the University. This concept stretched beyond what the Library had been and sounded very appealing. No committee meeting was called because the issues discussed were consistent with what had been discussed in the earlier meeting. Eventually, funding was approved for the renovation and the Library held open sessions in the spring of 2012 to share these ideas with the University community.

In spring of 2012, three finalists emerged for the Head Librarian position. The committee was allotted one hour sessions with each candidate. All of the sessions were attended by the Chair and Tom Coggins (ex officio). The Acting Head Librarian, Kevin Butterfield, was offered the position.

The final action taken by the committee was to select a winner for the James W. Jackson Award for Excellence in Library Research. A three person committee was formed (the Chair and two other faculty not on the Library Committee, Associate Professor Carol Lancaster and Assistant Professor Cassandra Marshall) selected a paper by Sarah Fishman entitled: “The United Fruit Company in Guatemala: Economic and Political Imperialism,” as the winner. The subcommittee appreciates the help of Bianca Spurlock in this endeavor.

2011-2012 Membership:

Tim Coggins, Law Library Director, ex officio
Kevin Butterfield, Interim University Librarian, ex officio
Peter Kaufman, JSLS
Kathy Zoghby, A&S
Tom Arnold, RSB (Chair)
Aurora Hermida-Ruiz, A&S
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Bill Ross, A&S

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