Library Committee Annual Report FY03

Highlights of the committee’s work includes:

1) The committee unanimously supported the need to begin charging for printing, and also supports providing some amount of “free printing”.

2) The committee unanimously supported the inclusion of the library in the next Capital Campaign.

3) The committee unanimously recommended a minimum 8.5% materials budget increase for FY04 to maintain the status quo. The AS&E administration has notified the library that the actual FY04 materials budget will be 7%, which is commendable given other competing needs, but the Committee is concerned that this budget may not cover serials inflation now predicted to be 10-11% and this budget will not provide any additional funding to improve support for graduate programs and interdisciplinary programs.

4) The committee learned that as part of her FY03 reunion gift, JoAnn Wellner J63, has given a $100,000 matching challenge to other Friends of Tufts Libraries, especially her class, to complete Tisch Library’s Level G and make it a public area. Funding will also come from AS&E administration and multiple year savings from the library’s operating budget. Construction is expected to begin June 2003 with completion targeted for spring 2004.

5) The committee continues to monitor fundraising for the new music building that includes a new music library since no collection expansion space remains.

6) The committee noted that undergraduate student members did not attend any of the four meetings even though all meetings were scheduled during open block to ensure their inclusion (2 undergraduate student slots are available since student issues often include library issues, such as library hours).

7) The committee received updates on fair use and copyright issues. Tisch Library continues to inform faculty on fair use and copyright issues including the University’s policy that faculty are responsible to secure publisher permissions whenever needed. In response to a recommendation made at an AS&E faculty meeting, Tisch Library created a new pop-up menu of links for publisher permissions on Tisch’s Reserve webpage. The library also continues to monitor policies at other institutions.

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