1. The meeting was called to order in the Memorial Library Instruction Room 107 at 4:05pm by the Chair, Dr. William Kos.

2. Jay Kirk, Coordinator of Collection Development, provided a brief demonstration of the NetLibrary database. The Libraries joined twelve other Wisconsin Libraries in a consortium to purchase over 500 full-text online books from NetLibrary. All of these books are cataloged and linked via MARQCAT, the Libraries’ online catalog. This means that a NetLibrary book can be found in MARQCAT via the usual subject, title, author, etc. search. It is then possible to click on the link and access the full-text book from any workstation at Marquette or from off campus. To access these full-text books from off campus, one is required to register on campus first. The use of this electronic resource will be monitored to ascertain its value to the Marquette community. After the demonstration the group moved to the Dean’s Conference Room.

3. James Lowrey, Head of Library Systems and Automation, presented and discussed two e-book readers: the Rocket E-Book and the SoftBook. The Libraries have purchased these readers to experiment with the current technology to determine how it might fit into the future of the Marquette Libraries’. Lowrey also presented and discussed the availability of laptop computers in Memorial Library. Circulation of laptops began during the fall semester. Fifteen laptops were purchased with Parents’ Association Funds and use is limited to students. During the fall semester the laptops circulated 1300 times with no failures or vandalism. The laptops access MarquetteNet via a wireless system that is functional in about 80% of Memorial Library. Extension of this service to the Science Library is under consideration.

4. Will Kos presented a brief history of the last few months of the Raynor project. With the call to the meeting, Kos reminded the Board that Dave Buckholdt was chairing a Committee charged with the re-conceptualization of Raynor Library. The Committee members are R. Altenburg, K. Anselment, D. Buckholdt (Chair), N. Burckel, K. Desotelle, G. Freeman, T. Ganey, L. Grahn, J. Jones, J. Hopkins, J. Lamb, J. Lowery, J. Lyddy, M. Phayer, J. Pray, S. Quade, A. Scheuber, and K. Smits
Following is the charge to the Committee from Father Wild:

- Develop a vision for a library of the future.
- Prepare a position statement on an expanded role for librarians in teaching and learning.
- Define the "learning space" concept in terms of technology, professional services, environmental layout, individual space, group study, classrooms, and so forth.
- Develop a plan for books and other materials to be placed in Raynor and elsewhere.
- Formulate plans for use of Memorial as a library/storage facility.
- Consider the most appropriate location for the Science Library and Special Collections.
- Recommend a financing plan for the project.
- Devise a plan for integrating a Center for Teaching and Learning.

When Nicholas Burckel spoke at the March 8 Board of Trustees meeting, he presented the following list of planning assumptions regarding the University's Libraries. The assumptions are delineated below in no priority order.

a. The number of students and faculty will remain stable and the program array will continue to be divided among undergraduate, graduate, and professional offerings.
b. Memorial Library will house the bulk of the current print collections of Science and Memorial Libraries.
c. The Science Library will house less frequently used material, will not be a service point and will function as closed stacks from which material will be paged.
d. Despite increasing access to digital information, the collections will not shrink from their present size and will grow modestly in the immediate future.
e. Memorial Library is a worn out facility that must be renovated to continue to house the University’s investment in the collections and to facilitate use of technology.
f. Any new construction will be used primarily for reader space, enhanced library services, and related academic functions.
g. New technologies will be at the forefront of any new construction.
h. New construction plans, campus beautification, and the campus master plan will be integrated.
i. The new facility will be physically linked to a renovated Memorial Library.
j. The goals for University Libraries established in the September 1989 program statement remain valid.

Burckel elaborated on the charge and the assumptions. He noted that the Committee was making progress and should have a plan ready for the May Board of Trustees meeting.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Minutes prepared by J. Kirk.

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