Present: C. Andrews; N. Burckel; M. Fahey; M. Frenn; J. Kirk, recording; J. Krugler; W. Kos, Chair; C. Miller; S. Munroe; J. O’Keeffe; J. Simms.

1. The Chair, Dr. William Kos, called the meeting to order in Memorial Library Room 107 at 2:30pm.

2. LIB QUAL Survey

Julie O’Keeffe, Coordinator of Instruction for the Libraries, briefed the group on the results of the LIB QUAL survey of faculty and students that was conducted during the spring semester 2002. 162 academic libraries were surveyed, providing a significant amount of data for comparison. Within this larger group is the University Libraries Group (ULG) of 25 academic libraries that are comparable to Marquette. Detailed comparisons with this group are anticipated to be very valuable for planning purposes. In 23 of the 25 categories, Marquette scored above the mean for all participating institutions. [The survey consisted of 25 questions with three responses needed for each question.] Faculty members who would like more information about the LIB QUAL survey should contact Dr. Burckel.

3. Elsevier Journal Cancellations

Jay Kirk outlined the parameters of the journal cancellation project, which was undertaken during the Spring semester. The project focused on the journals of Elsevier, a journal publisher known for high and escalating subscription prices. Faculty and librarians were asked to nominate Elsevier titles to consider for cancellation. The list of nominated titles was returned to faculty with a request to contact Kirk if there were any titles which faculty believed it was important to retain. Approximately a dozen titles were retained when faculty members spoke for them. Approximately 70 titles were cancelled with savings of over $100,000, which will be used to renew other journals, and add new journals and electronic databases.

4. JSTOR and the binding of journals

The Libraries are charter members of JSTOR, which provides full image back-runs of significant scholarly journals. These back-runs have a two to five year delay behind the current publication year. Marquette, as well as a number of other libraries, is considering the possibility of not binding the issues of journals which are part of JSTOR. Current plans include retaining the unbound issues. It was noted that of the 152 journals in this group, 138 of them have current online access from another source. The Board agreed that binding of these journals did not seem necessary.

5. There was a suggestion that the Libraries find a way to alert faculty members to the addition of new journal titles just as new book titles are now noted in MARQCAT. An additional suggestion was to find a way to alert faculty to cancelled journals as well.

6. A second Board meeting is planned for later in the semester.

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