The Library Faculty Committee convened in Mabee Library, Room 105 at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Bearman, Dr. Childers, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Chorba, Ms. Druse, Dr. Hunt, Mr. Knowles, Dr. Leung, Ms. Onek, Ms. Perkuhn, Dr. Reynard, Dr. Schmiedeler, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, and Ms. Weber. Dr. Herbig, Dr. Hull, Dr. Masterson, Dr. Memmott, Dr. Diaz-Reategui, Dr. Wagner, and Dr. Wilkinson sent word they would be unable to attend.

Dr. Leslie Reynard, Chair, welcomed the Library Faculty Committee and opened the meeting with introductions from committee members.

Congratulations to Dr. Bearman who is now permanent Dean of University Libraries and to Judy Druse the permanent Assistant Dean.

Dr. Bearman explained the purpose of the Library Faculty Committee. The Committee makes recommendations and gives advice to the Dean of University Libraries on matters of library management and planning. Committee members provide liaison between the Library and the various departments and schools (excluding the Law School) and advises the Library in its collection development efforts.

Dr. Bearman reported that significant emphasis upon public services drives the change that is occurring in the Libraries. With support from University funding through Capital, Technology, and Equipment Requests; the generosity of the Friends of Mabee Library; and with careful management of library budgets, we were able to invest money in a variety of technology and physical improvements. The new “look” of the library was designed to have flexible spaces where students can experience different physical zones that are adaptable to the range of learning styles they exhibit. Thousands of students, faculty, and community patrons have experienced the new environment of Mabee Library as a gathering place, where conversation, teaching, and learning has transformed and enriched our community that is central to the Washburn experience.

The Electronic Classroom has been renamed the Information Literacy Suite. This suite has been transformed into a digitally advanced space designed to prepare students for life in the Information Age. Implementation of new technology has allowed instructors to create multimedia experiences designed to engage all types of learners. When the suite is not scheduled, it also serves as an open computer lab for students. (Room 206B- x 2953)

The Library proudly houses the Thomas Fox Averill Kansas Studies Collection and the Koch Art History Collection. Both are housed in beautifully constructed glass-faced shelves on the lower level. This relocation has made these two unique collections accessible to students and researchers during all hours the library is open. If you need more information about these collections, contact Martha Imparato, Special Collections, (x1981). More information about the Kansas Studies Collection can be found at the following web site: http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/special_collections/averill.shtml

The library is home to two tutoring laboratories. The new and expanded Academic Success Center is a joint project with the Center for Undergraduate Studies and Programs (CUSP) that provides tutoring assistance for students in a wide array of subjects (Room 206A-x1980). Another vehicle for student success is the relocation of the University Writing Center. In collaboration with the Department of English and College of Arts and Sciences, the Writing Center was moved from Morgan Hall to the Library this month. (Room 200A-x1397). The surge of traffic in both laboratories has already outpaced
Collaborating with ISS, the library has completed a plan to install CAT6 cabling throughout the whole building to increase internet access and speed. The library has painted most of the lower level walls with whiteboard paint as a result of requests from students. Because of heavy usage, the library purchased additional island whiteboard tables and whiteboard privacy divider units on wheels so that students can manipulate different places to study. The library has purchased new signage, big screen TVs, a Promethean interactive whiteboard, magnet marker boards, a flatbed digital scanning station, and more comfortable seating. Four iPads were purchased for library faculty check out. Historic photos from our archives have been hung around the library. We purchased Illiad software to enhance the interlibrary loan process. Because of the tremendous increase in traffic these last few years, the library submits chairs as a capital improvement item. Lori Rognlie, our dedicated Facilities Coordinator, has made multiple trips to acquire quality items from the university surplus. All these changes illustrate our commitment to serving more students and creating a 21st century learning environment.

Free printing has become an expensive burden on the library’s budget. Last fiscal year the library spent almost $20,000 for toner and supplies. WSGA is purchasing printers at a rate of one a year. Waste from individual departments coming over to print, students printing their class syllabus, and printing of PowerPoint presentations are just a few areas that need to be addressed. Washburn’s IT Technology Committee is in the process of finding a campus-wide solution for printing.

Five years ago the library participated in the LibQUAL+ Survey, a national library assessment tool. This project was designed for libraries to find out where they rank on a national level with other libraries the same size. Kelley Weber, Business Librarian, applied and received a research grant to participate this year. Beginning next Monday (9/27) the Libraries will begin the LibQUAL+ survey for two weeks. This online survey allows us to solicit our users’ opinions of our service quality and facilities. These statistics will also allow the library to compare statistics from the last survey. Four computers will be set up at the front of the library for people to take the survey. For the first week on MWF (12-1pm) and TTH (12:30-1:30pm) the library will offer a slice of pizza as an incentive to get people to complete the survey. The survey should take 5-10 minutes and all faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

Library Faculty Committee representatives were asked to review the new Collection Development Policy that was distributed to them a week before this meeting. (Attached) Dr. Bearman thanked the Collection Development Policy Committee: Judy Druse, Lori Fenton, Janet Homan, Cal Melick, Teresa Nitcher, and David Winchester for their hard work to develop the policy. The old document was formatted primarily for print materials; the new document concentrates in the area of digital electronic resources. This policy will continue to be modified in response to the changing information needs of the University and the evolution in information delivery and access models. The policy will be reviewed and amended as necessary no less than every three years by the librarians in collaboration with the Dean of University Libraries and the Library Faculty Committee.

Effective collection development depends upon the identification and evaluation of the University’s information needs. This is why it is so important that each Library Committee representative read and distribute this policy to their colleagues. Each representative is encouraged to work closely with their library liaison who is appointed for their specific subject area. The role of each library liaison is to provide assistance and guidance to faculty selectors, evaluate and recommend content for purchase, and provide access to collection development tools, both print and electronic. Your department’s library liaison should contact you by next week to discuss the new book vendor Yankee Book Peddler (YBP), library profile, and your 2010/2011 departmental allocations. If you have any questions, please contact your liaison or the Dean (x1855).

Dr. Bearman continues to collaborate with the ATLAS Consortia and CODDL to increase purchasing power between Kansas institutions and vendors. The goal is to provide greater access to more materials at a cheaper price.

Meeting closed with a tour of the library.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Ginger D. Webber, Administrative Secretary