University Committee for the Library Annual Report 2010-11

**Committee Name:** University Committee for the Library  
**Chairperson:** Judy Matthews  
**Meetings Held (Dates):** The committee met once each semester during the 2010-11 academic year.

1. Give a brief description of committee activities and/or issues discussed and actions taken/recommendations made and to whom.

*Cliff Haka, Director of Libraries, provided updates to committee members on the state of the library during the 9/30/11 meeting. There was discussion of the materials and operations budgets, the establishment of quiet study for the east wing of the library, MARS (the new MSU Article Retrieval Service), the Google digitization project, and the closing of the Biomedical and Physical Sciences Library. During the spring meeting on 3/23/11, ASMSU representatives requested a review of weekend library hours, requesting earlier openings on Saturdays and Sundays. Impact on the purchase of textbooks with regard to the Higher Education Opportunity Act was discussed. Input from committee members regarding the utility of e-textbooks was solicited. Concerns were raised about the extension of grace periods prior to freezing of library privileges (in cases of recalled library materials); the grade period was deemed sufficient. A concern was also raised regarding micro-format reader lighting; adjustments have been made and additional modifications will be made if these adjustments prove insufficient.*

*Cliff Haka provided updates on the purchase of an Espresso Book Machine, the Google Book Settlement, and the library budget.*

2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters which should be considered in 2010-2012.

*Budget issues, e-textbooks, updates on the Google book digitization project, and Espresso Book Machine news are ongoing matters that require the committee’s continued attention.*

3. Comment on problems and/or issues that have made the work of the committee more difficult.

*None.*

4. Please make any suggestions about how the academic governance system might be modified to improve the committee’s work.

*No suggestions.*

Submitted by: Judy Matthews