Committee Name: University Committee for the Library

Chairperson: Frederick Rauscher

Meetings Held. The committee met once each semester during the 2007-08 academic year.

Committee Activities. Cliff Haka (Director of the Library) along with other members of the library administrative staff briefed the committee at these meetings. Among the issues that continue to be of importance to the library are: the high cost of journals, especially the high cost of obtaining journal articles through interlibrary loan; cooperation with the Google Books project, which will involve loaning large numbers of books to Google for short periods of time; increasing space pressures on the library; and faculty awareness of the effect that their borrowing habits can have on the library budget (mainly interlibrary loan of journal articles).

The committee endorsed the library’s efforts to obtain space outside the Main Library building to house some of its collection.

Matters Pending Before the Committee for 2008-09. Most of the issues raised above are ongoing matters that require the committee’s continued attention.

Problems and Issues that Have Made the World of the Committee More Difficult. None.

Suggestions About How the Academic Governance System Might be Modified to Improve the Committee’s Work. No suggestions.

Submitted by Frederick Rauscher