Library Committee Report 2011-12

Committee Chair, Scooter Barnette, Health and Human Performance

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The Library Committee met twice this academic year, once in the fall and once in the spring.

The primary business of the committee is the oversight of the Library budget as it presented in the fall and approved in the spring for the following years with justification for changes/additions.

A second important function is the Library Staff briefing the Committee on innovations and changes in the Library.

In the fall there were re-organizations of books/materials to different floors to make use of space more efficient. There was also a new centralized reference desk on the first floor to make personnel more available for the students and faculty. Also, discussion of e-books becoming more available albeit the pricing is not a significant savings.

In the spring a major project that is in the works is a Digital Scholarship and Services Department in the Library. Two of the new departments goals are:

*To increase the number and range of locally created digital resources available for faculty and student for research and pedagogical purposes.

*To build digital library collections that are sustainable, scaleable, and compatible with the Lowcountry Digital Library and the South Carolina Digital Library's technology infrastructure, and interoperable with national and international digital library collections and initiative.