

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Department Heads, October 23, 2002**

*Present:* Harold Billings, Jo Anne Hawkins, Molly White, Jim Dougherty, Carole Cable, Drew Racine, Peggy Mueller, Anita Farber, Margo Gutiérrez (*for Ann Hartness*), Loretta Acevedo (*for Robin Fradenburgh*), Dennis Dillon, Stephen Littrell, Karl Miller (*for Marcia Parsons*), Susan Ardis, Sue Phillips, Kay Sewell, Rue Ramirez (*for Mark McFarland*), Damon Jagers, P.G. Moreno, Jean Hamrick, Carol Johnson, Beth Dodd (*for Janine Henri*)

*Absent:* Suzanne McAnna, Robin Fradenburgh, Mark McFarland, Curtis Ohlendorf, Dennis Trombatore, David Flaxbart, Nancy Elder, Janine Henri, Marcia Parsons, Bob Stewart

Mr. Billings encouraged department heads to look at the items offered for the silent charity auction, on view in PCL 3.234 of the administrative office.

Kay Sewell commented that the new emergency plan is on the web, and has contact information.

The present problems, including several different networks, with having such information appear as needed on circulation terminals for night and weekend staff (especially in branches) was discussed.

The request to increase the student library fee by \$.45 to \$10.45 per semester credit hour is being prepared for submission. The increase would underwrite a 3 percent salary increase for the staff paid from the fee for the upcoming fiscal year plus a 5 percent increase in the monies provided from the fee to the book budget.

The announcement for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Benson Collection goes out October 25.

There was extended discussion of what will be needed in a state-of-the-art integrated library system, and ways to position the organization for transition to such a system. UT's Knowledge Gateway was briefly described.

The Blanton Art Building construction, it was noted, will result in the closing of Speedway for part of 2003.

The future of the addition to the storage facility at PRC is on hold until after the Legislative Session has clarified the University's budget situation.

It was commented that Chancellor Yudof is very well prepared to represent the University and its financial difficulties to the committees and members of the Legislature.

—Robert Foster