

- (1) Present: Beck (Library), Evans (Library Director, consultant), Kattchee (Mathematics), Lan (English), Sallmen (Physics), Salm (graduate student) Yu Chia-Chen (The Chair, Exercise and Sports Science).
Guests: John Jax and Jenifer Holman
- (2) Meeting called to order.
- (3) It was noted that Devine had resigned and that Deborah Buffton (History) is his replacement on our committee.
Our graduate student member, Courtney Salm, was welcomed.
- (4) John Jax reported on the state of Library Acquisitions. He reiterated the well-known facts that the budget remains flat, costs continue to rise at an alarming pace, and cuts in periodicals continue to be made. He also mentioned that faculty feedback regarding journal cancellations is quite low in spite of the fact that some disciplines are down to “core” holdings. There is a feeling, according to Jax, that once the situation gets bad enough that faculty start to react, it might be too late.
There was also some discussion about the system-wide “last copy policy” and the question of whether declining periodical holdings has any effect on accreditation.
- (5) The minutes from the October meeting were approved.
- (6) ACADEMIC INITIATIVES:
Regarding our ongoing pursuit of differential tuition funds for library use, it was mentioned that the Academic Initiatives Committee recently formed and held its first meeting in the first week of November. Among its charges are to consider how differential tuition might be used to address library needs.
- (7) DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
Evans mentioned that the latest news regarding the café indicates that it may open in the Spring. For the time being, we have to go elsewhere for stimulants.
The reconfiguration of the first floor continues, and ideas for stylish decor are welcome.
A substantial grant, written by former committee chair Tim Gerber (Biology), will enhance the science collection in the Curriculum Library.
- (8) Meeting adjourned (next meeting: 15 December).

respectfully submitted by Karl Kattchee