The UAMS Library Advisory Committee met on October 27, 2011, from 11:30am-12:35pm in the Access Grid room on the 3rd floor of the Library. Participants included Robert Bradsher (COM), Zoran Bursac (COPH), Lori Cline (CON), Mark Estes (COP), Jan Hart (Library), Daphne Hyatt (Library), Bruce Newton (COM), Mary Ryan (Library) and Kathy Rye (CHRP).

**Budget Reductions**

Mary thanked the Library Advisory Committee members for their help in distributing two lists of potential journal and database cuts to their colleges, and in providing feedback to the Library. She discussed the list of cuts that have been identified so far ([http://library.uams.edu/final-cancellations-2012-web.htm](http://library.uams.edu/final-cancellations-2012-web.htm)) and the draft of a message (see attached) to be distributed to all faculty, staff and students. She will distribute an electronic copy of the message to the Committee members tomorrow for distribution in their colleges, and it will also be placed on the Library’s website and in the next newsletter.

About $131,000 in journals and databases will be cancelled effective January 1, 2012, including about 600 health-related journals and about 1,200 other journals which were part of the “packages” of journals being cancelled. About $40,000 in other expenses (books, etc.) will also be cut, and the Library will use about $85,000 in generated revenues to help balance the budget. Even with the cuts and the use of generated revenues, the base budget is still nearly $100,000 short of the amount needed to pay for the current subscriptions. Each journal and database subscription will be carefully scrutinized at renewal time to determine if it will be renewed, and other cuts will also be identified throughout the year.

**Proposal to Work to Improve Scholarly Communication System**

Mary discussed some problems with the current system of subscription-based scholarly publishing and distributed a proposal (see attached) to work together on a local level to help improve the current system of scholarly communication. There was some discussion about the benefits and disadvantages of open access publishing, etc., and this issue will be discussed at future Committee meetings as well.

**NIH Public Access Policy**

Mary thanked Bob Brasher for scheduling a presentation on the NIH Public Access Policy at the Internal Medicine Department faculty meeting in September. Others were reminded to schedule presentations as well, as the UAMS compliance rate is only about 81%.

**Proposal for Library Renovation**

Mary reported that she had submitted a proposal for library renovation as part of the campus-wide five-year strategic planning for capital needs. The proposal contained several scenarios for repurposing journal stacks space into study space for students.

The next Library Advisory Committee meeting will be held in late January or early February, 2012.