Minutes

- Attendees included Zoran Bursac, Karen Davis, Mark Estes, James Graham, Bill Gurley, Daphne Hyatt, Josh Phelps, Maria Schuller, Ella Whitney, Jan Hart and Mary Ryan. Mary announced that three members were new (Josh, Maria and Ella) and that a few students will be added to the Committee soon.

- Budget - $146,000 was added to the Library’s maintenance budget for FY 14 to cover the estimated cost increase for journals/databases, including the $20,000+ cost increase for UpToDate. Mary reported that no major cuts in journal subscriptions are anticipated for 2013/14. The Library charges fees for some services, such as printing and interlibrary loan (ILL) requests for needed items not owned by the Library. Rescinding the ILL fee or giving students a certain number of free ILLs per semester, which would have a significant impact on the Library’s budget, was discussed. This issue will be considered further after an analysis of the financial impact is done and after the campus-wide committee looking at recharges has made its recommendations.

- Renovations – Mary and Jan reported on the status of renovation projects.
  a. The Library elevator was completely rebuilt (except for the cab). It is now much quieter, more energy efficient, and has been brought up to code.
  b. The new circulation desk has been installed, but the canopy is not yet finished.
  c. A seating area and new rug have been added to the first floor entrance area.
  d. The lecture capture studio is now ready for use on the 3rd floor of the Library. The primary purpose of the studio is for recording lectures for online access, but it is also a good place for faculty and students to practice their presentation skills. Heather Smith (686-8116) is the contact person for scheduling the studio.
  e. 45 new chairs were added to the study areas, chairs & tables in the vending machine room were replaced, and more security cameras were installed.
  f. Staff are still tying up loose ends, cleaning up storage areas and sending unused items to M&R, rearranging some furniture for more efficient and effective use of space, etc.
  g. No major renovations are anticipated for 2013/14, except perhaps renovating the east side of the 2nd floor and purchasing more chairs for study and soft seating areas.

- Personnel Changes – Valerie Howard, a new Marketing and Reference Librarian, will begin work on September 1. Nick Larsen was hired from IT to provide IT support for students in the Library at night and on the weekends. Debra Boddington switched from half-time in Little Rock and half-time in Northwest Arkansas to three-quarter time in Northwest and one-quarter time in Little Rock.

- Active Learning Center – Bobby McGehee recommended purchasing more microphones for the Active Learning Center. A storage cabinet was added to the ALC to house commonly used materials related to TBL classes. Also, instructors were asked to remind the students that they can exit through the back door to cut noise in the front of the Library at the beginning and end of TBL sessions. Feedback about the room has been very positive.
• Security – Security issues were discussed at length, as there have been several thefts of equipment from the Library and from students recently. Security cameras have been placed throughout the Library.

• NIH Public Access Policy – Reference librarians Susan Steelman and Jessie Casella have been working with researchers to deposit their articles in the National Library of Medicine’s PubMed Central (PMC) online repository of journal articles. Researchers with NIH funding must deposit their articles into PMC within one year of publication in order to comply with the NIH Public Access Policy. The UAMS compliance rate is currently 88%, which is above the national average. Most new journal articles are now being deposited, but some researchers have articles from several years ago that have not yet been deposited.

• Outreach – Jon Goodell, Outreach Librarian, worked with the Easter Seals, the Arkansas Cancer Coalition and the Harmony Clinic to apply for funding from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/South Central Region to purchase equipment for providing access to health-related information. The Easter Seals and the Arkansas Cancer Coalition proposals were funded.

• The Library will host a book signing event on September 6 for *Fiat Flux: The Writings of Wilson R. Bachelor, Nineteenth-Century Country Doctor and Philosopher*, by Dr. William D. Lindsey. Dr. Tom Bruce, former dean of the College of Medicine, wrote the foreword and Dr. Jonathan Wolfe, College of Pharmacy, wrote the afterword. The Library’s Historical Research Center helped with research for the book.

• Staff is working to make the UAMS Library a delivery and pickup site for CALS (public library) materials, which would enable even employees and students who live outside of the regular CALS service area to check out CALS materials through the UAMS Library.

• Announcements
  
a. Due to time constraints and other considerations, there will not be a 35th anniversary rededication ceremony for the Library in October.
  
b. Committee members were asked to publicize the availability of art exhibit space in the Library and in the lobby of the main building (old hospital), and to encourage faculty, staff and students who are artists to exhibit their works.
  
c. Mary reported on the Higher Learning Commission Quality Improvement proposal, which will include assessing the needs of students to develop better writing skills, and making recommendations for meeting the needs.
  
d. Mary also reported on the results of the AAMC Medical Student Graduation Questionnaire survey completed by graduating medical students last spring. The Library, study space, computer resources, and relaxation space were rated above the national average by UAMS COM graduates.
  
e. Daphne Hyatt reported on plans for Constitution Day on September 17. Activities will include a short quiz on the Constitution for students, with prizes being awarded to the winners, and publicity about Constitution Day on digital signage throughout the campus and on the Library’s website.
  
f. Mary reported that the Interprofessional Education office in the Library will be vacant in January after the retirement of Dr. Diane Skinner, and that it will become a “student services” room which can be scheduled for individual meetings between students and faculty, etc. A procedure for scheduling the room will be developed and discussed at the next meeting.