Present: Peter Battaglia, Phyllis Bebko, Jackie Henning, Audrey Hunter, Miguel Menendez, William Miller, Peter Oliveira, Winston Thompson.

Chair Phyllis Bebko called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in room 17-315. A motion to approve the agenda was made and passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Old Business

Miguel Menendez reported that the area designated as the Holcombe Institute on the fourth floor and previously utilized by the staff of the BC Education program is now being used by the college’s professional development staff. The committee reiterated the commitment to dedicate room 408 once the Title V grant is over to library instruction.

In response to a question about the need for more study space for students, Dean Menendez indicated that room 121 has been converted to a large study room. This room had been previously used for storage, but with some minor modifications it has been converted to a comfortable study space.

Miguel Menendez reported that Jackie Henning is serving on an interim capacity as Associate Dean for Public Services. He requested authorization to recruit for the other associate dean position without increasing the budget. A motion to proceed with a search for an Associate Dean for Technical Services in the Spring of 2010 was made, seconded and approved.

Dean’s Report

Chair Phyllis Bebko called upon Miguel Menendez to present the Dean’s Report.

The annual report was presented to the committee. Phyllis Bebko commented on the gate count, pointing out that the drop in the statistical component could be attributed not only to the malfunctioning of the counter but also to the dismantling of the classrooms on the fourth floor, which would significantly impact the traffic in and out of the building.

The fourth floor construction is finished, including the installation of the book stacks and new furniture, and the shifting of oversize books, Children’s Literature, and career books into that area. This new study area is getting much use by students.
Miguel Menendez reported on staffing changes. Karen Rodriguez, the library’s Executive Assistant has resigned and is moving out of the area. The search and screen process has been initiated to find a replacement. Nancy Calderon has been hired to serve as Administrative Coordinator (assistant to the two associate deans).

The allocation letters have been sent to the BC and FAU library liaisons. Faculty are reminded to continue sending recommendations to our collection development librarian, Michelle Apps.

Audrey Hunter inquired about the impact of Broward County Library closings on Sundays. The U/CL has not noticed a significant change in the usage patterns, although it may still be too early to tell. Bill Miller was asked to report on the proviso in Section 81 of the 2009 Appropriations legislation. The Joint Library Planning Committee, chaired by Vice Chancellor Nancy McKee is preparing a report to present to the Florida Legislature and the Governor via the Office of the Commissioner of Education, with a deadline of December 1, 2009. The Department of Education, the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA), the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) and the Florida Electronic Library (FEL) of the Department of State have been charged with developing a plan that covers four initiatives. These are:

1. Establishing an on-line union catalog that is capable of searching the combined library holdings of the public K-12 schools, the public postsecondary education institutions, and the public libraries.

2. Establishing a process for Sunlink, FCLA, CCLA and FEL to jointly negotiate the statewide licensing of electronic resources to reduce the overall cost of such resources.

3. Consolidating automated, on-line library services and systems.

4. Establishing a statewide approach and process for (a) contracting with library cataloging utilities and other providers of library services and products and (b) securing statewide membership in library organizations and regional library affiliates.

In addition, FCLA and CCLA are testing three potential solutions to create a unified online catalog that will search and display holdings for both libraries at the University/College Library as well as a method for listing and searching all electronic resources that are available to students using the joint facility.

The joint use agreement between the college and the university has been approved by FAU and is going to the BC Board of Trustees on Tuesday, October 27th, 2009.

New Business

It was noted that the GPAC Bylaws have to be brought into alignment with the language in the joint use agreement. A subcommittee was formed to address any discrepancies. Peter Battaglia, Phyllis Bebko, Bill Miller and Winston Thompson agreed to serve. Miguel Menendez will provide the necessary background documents and recommend possible solutions to the subcommittee.
Hearing no further business, Phyllis Bebko called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miguel Menendez