Minutes University Library Committee
Date: March 20, 2007
Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: Library Board Room

Chair: Bill Newton
Members Present: Bill Newton, Eileen Hitchingham, Larry Freeman, Michelle Moseley-Christian, Nakhia Goulbourne, Osama Marzouk, Robert Brown
Guests:

MAJAX
Professor Godmar Back, Computer Sciences, gave a MAJAX demonstration. MAJAX, an application developed by Back and Annette Bailey from the University Libraries Technical Services unit, is a web tool that can feed “live” status information from the Library’s Innovative catalog system into any web page that lists books and other materials available in the OPAC. With MAJAX a user checking the Library’s web page for New Materials http://www.lib.vt.edu/services/newbooks/newbooks.php can tell right away whether the item is checked out or available - without switching to do a catalog search. Information about MAJAX is at http://www.libx.org/majax/version-20080402/majax.html

Graduate Study Room
Hitchingham noted that as part of Graduate Education Week events an opening of the Graduate Study Room on Newman’s fourth floor, was scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th. University Library Committee members were invited to attend if they could.

Equipment Trust Fund
ETF funds were discussed. The Library does not receive funding from the ETF although many library applications would be eligible for support. The committee determined that it would support a letter from the University Library Committee requesting that the Library be considered as an eligible recipient from the pool of funding coming to the University as Equipment Trust Funds. This was considered especially important since it would provide some annual progress for bringing the Libraries to the goal of achieving the 30th percentile of overall library funding when compared to SCHEV library peers. The 30th percentile goal was forwarded from the University Library Committee and incorporated into the current University Strategic Plan when it was updated in 2005.