The committee would like to thank and commend Heidi Selecky and Brian Sacolic for their service as acting codirectors of the library for four years.

Unfortunately, the library has in recent years not been treated, budgetarily or administratively, as an important resource. In fact, a year ago the codirectors reported to the associate provost. In order to improve the status of the library, the committee felt that it was important to have a strong in a position that was clearly identified as important. To this end, the committee agreed with the Interim Provost that the library should be led by a Dean of Library Services, who would be a member of the Deans Council.

Most of the committee’s effort was directed toward filling the position of Dean of Library Services. The search committee was composed of the members of the Library Committee and additional members who were added to increase representation by various constituencies. At the time of this report, there is a very robust pool of candidates. The search committee will shortly conduct telephone interviews with five candidates, select a short list, and, we hope, bring candidates to campus before graduation.

This year the Library Committee also instituted a new procedure for allocating book acquisition funds to departments. The revised method was intended as a temporary measure and will likely be reconsidered by the new Dean of Library Services.

The members of the committee believe we are beginning a new era in which a revitalized library will play an integral role in the academic programs of the University.

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