

# **Faculty Senate Library Committee**

## **Final Report 2002-2003**

The Faculty Senate Library Committee held its regular meetings on September 19, October 17, November 21, 2002 and April 3, 2002. The regularly scheduled meeting of January 16, 2003 was not held because of inclement weather.

Clearly the major accomplishment of the committee this year was examination and discussion of the “Principles for Emerging Systems of Scholarly Publishing” (Tempe Principles) and subsequent unanimous decision to present these principles to the Faculty Senate for endorsement. The Senate endorsed these principles at its March 3, 2003 meeting. Next year we want to consider how to further the implementation of these Principles.

There were several other ongoing topics of interest for the committee. The first concerns food, beverage, tobacco and noise in the library. Clearly some tensions exist between those who wish to liberalize the current policies and those who want to more strictly enforce current policies. A second concern involves the apparent conflict between the right or expectation of privacy of library use information and the “Patriot Act.” A third issue involves the tension between providing adequate security for the library patrons and collection and having a library that is truly open for public use. And as always, there is the ongoing concern about the budget and how to continue to support library acquisitions in the face of significant inflation and stable or decreasing funding. All of these topics will likely appear as agenda items for the 2003-2004 year.

Overall, the Library Committee has been a useful forum for the exchange of views between faculty and student representatives and the Library Administration. This has been a truly interactive, cooperative and productive experience.