Attendance: Lawrence Raffalovich (chair), Debra Dickerson (support staff), George Berg; Carolyn Malloch; Christine Haile; Frank D’Andraia; Carol Jewell; Martin Manjak; Ruth Scipione; Steven Doellefeld; Ed Waltz; Sean Rafferty; Bruce Dudek; Bill Ding

I. Call to Order

II. November 21, 2008 minutes unanimously approved.

III. Report from Chief Information Officer: Christine E. Haile

Chris presented to the Committee a line chart depicting campus internet activity, with a significant spike of activity on Inauguration Day, reaching its peak in the p.m. Larry asked Chris to bring to the committee another graph showing daily internet usage. ITS is in the process of implementing wireless in the buildings on the Podium (social science, arts and science, biology, earth and atmospheric science, education, chemistry, physics and business). The MyUAlbany integration with Blackboard is now complete. Students will see notification of new assignments, grades, or messages. These new attributes were a result of the Student Advisory Board’s request. Chris reported that ITS is dealing with the budget reduction and looking at all of ITS services. Contracts are being reviewed to see what we can negotiate/rebid. The replacement cycle of public computers could change from three to four years, which could have an impact on students, and affect the cycle of when public PCs are handed-down to departmental labs. When asked about the impact on faculty, Chris stated the budget for faculty computers is in local School/College budgets, not the ITS budget. ITS will continue to maintain the Windows operating system, as the licensing is built into the cost of the computers.

IV. Report from Director of Libraries: Dean Francis A. D’Andraia

Discussions on the budget for the Libraries continue with the Administration. No inflation money, budget remains flat, with the endowment not generating revenue.

Negotiations with Elsevier regarding the SUNY wide Science Direct (SD) Contract renewal continue. CUNY, like SUNY, has begun SD renewal deliberations, as have a cluster of private NY universities. University of California (UC) has just completed the renewal SD process. UC took six months to conclude negotiations.

The Libraries have revamped and expended their web pages. The new pages went live in January and have been well received by users.

The Internal Auditors recently concluded an audit of Circulation Services. Four recommendations were made, chief among which was the recommendation to refer all delinquent borrower accounts (student/faculty/courtesy) to the NY Attorney General’s
Office. Twenty-two architectural firms indicated an interested in working on developing plans for the renovation of the University Library (including space planning). From this pool of twenty-two, three architectural firms have been selected for campus interviews: Perry Dean Rogers, Ayers St. Gross and Einhorn Yaffee Prescott. A finalist is expected to be selected in late February.

A meeting of the Senate Library Committee is scheduled for March.

Trudi E. Jacobson has won the Association of College and Research Libraries’ 2009 Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award. Ms. Jacobson holds the rank of librarian and heads the UAlbany Libraries User Education Program. The Miriam Dudley Award was first bestowed in 1984, making Trudi Jacobson the 25th recipient of this prestigious honor. The Miriam Dudley Award recognizes librarians who have made especially significant contributions to the advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment.

Deborah M. LaFond, Associate Librarian and Social Science bibliographer, has been elected by her peers to lead the African Librarians Council (ALC) of the African Studies Association (ASA). The African Librarians Council was founded in 1957 as part of the African Studies Association under the name Archives/Libraries Committee. The ALC continues today as an ASA-sponsored organization (http://www.library.upenn.edu/collections/africa/ALC/). The African Librarians Council’s next national meeting will be held at Duke University in the spring of 2009.

Win Shih, Head of Library Systems, has been named a Frye Leadership Institute Fellow for 2009. The Frye Institute is an intensive, two-week, residential program held in early June at Emory University (Atlanta) for faculty, librarians and University technology professionals. It is sponsored by Educause and the Council on Library and Information Resources. Win Shih is the first UA Librarian to attend the Institute. This is the third year in a row that UAlbany personnel have been invited to attend the Institute.

The Committee recommended a letter come from LISC congratulating Win, Trudi, and Deborah on their accomplishments.

V. Old Business
   A. IT Committee
      Since the IT Committee has yet to be filled, Larry asked that the LISC members submit to him any suggestions for IT Committee membership.
   
   B. Software Purchase by Graduate Students
      Chris Haile distributed a handout, “Software Licenses for Students.” With the cooperation of the UAlbany Bookstore and UB Micro, the purchase of software should be easier and the turn-around time for delivery quicker.
C. PDA’s, phones, email, texting, etc., in the Classroom
ITLAL has workshops in place, as well as a website available. Chris Haile will follow up with Chris Moore on the usage and feedback of the plagiarism software “Safe-Assign” included in BLS.

VI. New Business
A. Implications of Digital Media for Research, Teaching, and Learning
Larry directed the Committees attention to the study done at Berkeley http://digitalyouth.ischool.berkeley.edu/ on this issue and asked whether or not it was relevant to LISC in light of the implications in the study. There has been a dramatic shift from paper to digital. Frank D’Andraia will have Trudi Jacobson get in touch with Larry to speak on this topic at a future LISC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2009.