LIBRARY, MEDIA AND ACADEMIC COMPUTING COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 6, 1996

Present: Rob Beezer, Raney Ellis, Mike Gardiner, Mary Rose Lamb (chair) Marilyn Mitchell, Don Share.

Absent: Mott Greene, Gary Peterson, Shelby Clayson.

The meeting convened at 3 p.m. in Library 134. The committee discussed three issues.

1. Rob Beezer and Gary Peterson had raised the issue of student and faculty computer/software training. There are currently voluntary programs for students offered during orientation. Voluntary training programs for faculty are also offered. Ellis expressed concern that enrollment for the upcoming seminars has been low. Gardiner and Beezer suggested that a technical support help desk be established to answer all computer related questions. Share suggested that the LMAC issue an official request for such an office and staff. He argued that in addition to providing immediate assistance to faculty and staff, a help desk could gain a sense of which areas need to be targeted for future training. The committee resolved to prepare a letter (to be drafted by Lamb) in support of such a help desk.

2. Ellis asked the committee for input about which types of information should be made available electronically. Lamb noted that the submissions of grades electronically might be more efficient. Gardiner noted that the filing of course schedules could be more accurately accomplished electronically. Mitchell suggested that department and program budgets might be submitted in electronic format.

3. Mitchell asked the LMAC to review a forthcoming "wish list" regarding the renovation of the Library, currently envisioned for the year 2001. With the budget deadline for this project approaching, the LMAC was asked to review the list of desired improvements. The Committee resolved to undertake this task at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, at 3 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Don Share