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THE ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL--LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER
A HealthEast Hospital

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

October 19, 1989

A meeting of the Health Sciences Library Committee was held on Thursday, October 19, 1989, at 11:30 a.m. in the President's Room at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center site.

Members Present:

Dean Dimick, M.D.
Kevin Farrell, M.D.
Barbara Iobst
Larry Merkle, M.D.
Yehia Mishriki, M.D.

Mark Osborne, M.D.
Mary Shields, M.D.
Ronald Wasserman, M.D.
Bradford Yeager, M.D.
Sue Steward, R.N.

Members Absent:

George Arangio, M.D.	(E)	Kevin Glancy, M.D.	
Nancy Bickford	(E)	Ernest Kuhinka, Ph.D.	(E)
James Burdine, Ph.D.		Arthur Levine, M.D.	
David Caccese, M.D.	(E)	Martha Lusser, M.D.	
Robert Doll, Jr. M.D.		Mark Mishkin, M.D.	(E)
Michele Ferguson, D.M.D.	(E)	Peter Neumann, M.D.	
Joseph Gastinger, M.D.		John Paulus, D.O.	(E)
Houshang Hamadani, M.D.	(E)	Robert Roeshman, D.O.	(E)
Samuel Huston	(E)	Headley White, Jr., M.D.	(E)
		Henry Lehrich, M.D.	

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mishriki, Acting Chairperson of the Health Sciences Library Committee, presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m., when a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon **MOTION** duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the August 17, 1989 meeting were **APPROVED** as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Library Space Requirements: An Update

A discussion was held on the status of the library facilities. This topic included disposition of the East Wing of The Allentown Hospital site, additional space requirements at LVHC site, and planning provisions.

Pursuant to a recommendation made at the August 17, 1989 meeting of the Health Sciences Library Committee, Dr. Kuhinka communicated with Richard Kisner on this subject. However, because Mr. Kisner recently received new responsibilities at Slate Belt Medical Center, Dr. Kuhinka will now confer with Philip Brown regarding the matter.

It was agreed that the Library should supply input in the facilities-planning process. Additionally, it was decided to convene a special meeting of the Health Sciences Library Committee sometime in December, to which Mr. Brown would be invited. The purpose of this meeting will be to ensure that those involved with the long-range planning process for the Hospital are cognizant of the Libraries' needs. The Hospital I.D. card situation and its ramifications is another agenda item. Plans for this special meeting are being formulated and Committee members will be notified of the date as soon as possible.

Journal Subscription Renewals

Two handouts were distributed: one enumerating infrequently used journals at both hospital sites (see Appendix "A") and the other listing proposed journal acquisitions (see Appendix "B"). Barbara Iobst reported on the department chairmen and section chiefs' responses to the infrequently used journal list distributed in August. The consensus was that the infrequently used journals would not be renewed, thus saving approximately \$4,000.00.

Dr. Dimick presented reasons for retaining the following subscriptions:

Annual Review of Biochemistry
Annual Review of Immunology

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Annual Review of Microbiology
Annual Review of Pharmacology/Toxicology
Annual Review of Physiology.

These arguments were supported by other Committee members.

Upon **MOTION** duly made, seconded and carried, it was agreed that these Annual Reviews will be renewed for one additional year. Usage of these journals will be monitored and a further evaluation will be made at the end of the term.

It was mentioned that not all physicians are aware that library books and journals should not be reshelfed after use in order for the library staff to compile statistics on usage. Because these numbers influence which subscriptions will be retained in the collection, it is important for physicians to comply with this procedure. Signs will be posted to remind library patrons to return items to the book cart, and Dr. Mishriki will make an announcement at the Medical Executive Committee meeting. The new journals itemized on the previously noted list will be acquired at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00. Usage of these journals will also be monitored.

Missing Journal Issues: An Update

In accordance with a proposal made at the last meeting, Barbara Iobst sent a letter to the medical staff advising them of journal issues missing from the Library and requesting donations to complete the collection.

Because some Committee members did not receive this notice, it was agreed that it would be redistributed at the next general medical staff meeting and through interoffice mail.

Another source for obtaining back issues is USBE. However, because of the cost involved, the Hospital currently does not hold membership. Dr. Farrell suggested a possible source for obtaining issues that are missing and will assist Barbara Iobst by contacting the appropriate party and making the Libraries' needs known.

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NEW BUSINESS

Geriatric Collection

A discussion was held concerning the proposal to move the geriatric collection from TAH site to LVHC. One of the obstacles to this exchange is the lack of space for the current collection and its eventual growth. Based on the above concerns, no decision was made at this time to move the collection.

Monetary Donations

The possibility of a fund-raising campaign for journal acquisitions was mentioned. Because Michael Luck has responsibility for fund raising, any such effort would be coordinated with him. It was noted that money is not the only impediment to new acquisitions; space to accommodate additional books and journals is another important factor at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health Sciences Library Committee will be held on Thursday, February 15, 1990, at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room, LVHC site.

Committee members will receive details on the special meeting tentatively scheduled for sometime in December as soon as arrangements have been confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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