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The Allentown Hospital
Lehigh Valley Hospital Center
JOINT HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Minutes

August 20, 1987

11:30 AM - LVHC Cafeteria Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alyson Breisch, R.N.
Joseph Candio, M.D.
Robert Doll, M.D.
Barbara Iobst
Ernest Kuhinka, Ph.D.
Carolyn Nippert
Robert Roeshman, D.O.
Chairperson
Helen Seifert, R.N.
Les Stauske
Headley White, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arthur Levine, M.D.
Thomas Fitzsimons, M.D.
John Mishriki, M.D. (e)
Howard Hudson, M.D. (e)
Ronald Wasserman, M.D. (e)
Donald Morel, M.D.
Mark Lester, M.D.
Mary Shields, M.D.
Jerome Dunn, M.D.
Joseph Gastinger, M.D.
David Cacesse, M.D.
Charles Gordon, M.D.
George Kirchner, D.D.S. (e)
Robert Oriel, M.D.
Mark Mishkin, M.D. (e)
Peter Neumann, M.D.
H.G. Hamandani, M.D.
Gerald Sherwin, M.D.
Larry Feldman, M.D.
Samuel Huston

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Roeshman, D.O. called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM. Dr. Roeshman opened the meeting by recommending approval of the June 18, 1987 minutes. A motion was made and accepted that the minutes be approved as written.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JUNE 18, 1987 MEETING

The Allentown Hospital Medical Board referred the recommendations to the Medical Staff By-Laws Committee where they will be placed into the proper format and reviewed.

Dr. Roeshman will meet with John Hart and Dr. Kibelstis at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center to discuss the recommendations.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

A letter was distributed to the existing members to determine who was still interested in serving on this committee. The majority of responses were positive. The attendance at the next three meetings will be monitored to ascertain the level of participation of those who responded positively.

Dr. Roeshman indicated that he responded to a memo from Dr. Gaylor, Chief of the Department of Surgery, who had requested adequate representation on this committee from his department. Dr. Roeshman suggested that Dr. Gaylor appoint two people from his department, one of whom might be the Surgical Residency Program Director.

The committee structure and membership will be re-evaluated

in six months.

JOURNAL DELETIONS

C. Nippert and B. Iobst presented lists of underutilized journals in their facilities. (See Appendix A) The discussion that followed indicated that the committee members realize that the cost of journal subscriptions has risen dramatically over the past several years and that because current technology allows for the instantaneous transmission of complete articles, there is no longer a need to continue purchasing expensive underutilized materials.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Combined Health Sciences Library Committee accepted the lists of journals to be deleted. The changes will take effect January 1, 1988.

UPDATE ON THE NEW LVHC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

C. Nippert reported that the carpeting is being installed, the existing lounge chairs are being sent out for reupholstering, and the move is scheduled to take place the first week in October.

Although the committee members were pleased with the progress being made they expressed their concern for the following:

1. The moving plan has not yet been finalized even though the move is scheduled to take place in early October.
2. The suspended lighting system which has been installed in the journal and book stacks is inappropriate and needs to be modified.
3. The cable for the hospital information system which was to be installed in the circulation area needs to be moved or the design of the circulation desk modified.

TAH LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

The renovations are scheduled to begin within six weeks and will be based upon the plan outlined in the June 18, 1987 minutes. The TAH/LVHC historical book collection will be located in the renovated section.

Dr. Roeshman suggested that the historical books would be accessible to patrons in both libraries if book displays could be developed and rotated through the LVHC library also.

STORAGE FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR TAH AND LVHC USE

The hospitals are renting a warehouse for storage purposes. It may be possible to store backfiles of journals there in the future.

ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

M. McDonnell, who is affiliated with Friends of Nursing, and C. Nippert are part of a task force which will be holding preliminary discussions on the development of an institutional archive collection at LVHC.

DEPARTMENTAL PURCHASES OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS

The item was tabled due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



Robert Roeshman, D.O.
Chairperson

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