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MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The A&SHHC Health Sciences Library Committee was called to order on Sept. 30, 1982 at 9 a.m. in the Boardroom.

PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
D. Dimick, M.D. D. Gaylor, M.D. C. Gordon, M.D. M. A. Hughes T. Yarchesky R. Cipoletti	R. Allman, M.D.	M. Gittleman, M.D. D. Morel, M.D.

- 1. Carolyn Nippert stopped working on Sept. 9, because her doctor ordered her to do so. Mary Ann Hughes has been filling in on a part-time basis.
- 2. Status of on-line search service and programmed instruction computers A DEC III terminal has been ordered for the library so that literature requests can be filled more rapidly.

The Iibrary has also expanded the range of search requests which can be filled by subscribing to the DIALOG Information Service, which includes some 200 databases in the health sciences. Since the users of the A&SHHC library are a heterogenous group, this service will cover the information needs of many more personnel, as well as deepening the coverage of the traditional medical sciences. Information leaflets will be distributed in October.

The Apple computer which had been housed in the library, but rented by the Cardiology Department was returned at the end of its rental period. This minicomputer was being used by the medical staff for continuing education. A capital expenditures request for funds to purchase the system was included in the library's FY 82-83 budget, but was turned down.

3. Status of library expansion program and utilization of adjacent office - At present, two structural changes have been scheduled to be carried out before Jan. 1st. These are: a.) Creation of a door into the library from the currently empty office next door so that that office can become the head librarian's office,

- and, b.) demolition of the glass walls which currently create the library office. Dr. Gordon and several other Committee members expressed concern that the Committee had not been consulted about the use of this additional space. Ms Hughes said that she didn't have any more information; it was decided to meet in two weeks, after Ms Hughes consulted Mrs. Nippert on the anticipated floor The state of the s
- 4. Medical staff fund donation The A&SHHC/AHA medical staff has a sum of money which it may be willing to donate to the combined libraries. Two possible uses for the fund were suggested: a.) To use the money to purchase microcomputers and educational software to be housed in the two libraries; b.) to invest the money and use the interest for joint projects in future years. Ms Hughes and Dr. Yarchesky will meet with Mrs. Iobst, the AHA librarian, to develop a joint proposal to the medical staff.
- 5. Secruity The library staff reports that the number of missing items seems to be greater than in the past. Dr. Gordon suggested that Mrs. Iobst be consulted about the security system which she has recommended for her library, since it would be logical to purchase compatible systems. Ms Hughes will consult with Mrs. Iobst and report back to the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

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