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Herrick Faculty Meeting
22 September 2003
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Present: Steve, Laurie, Gary, Toni, Pam, Frank

Unfinished Business:
1. Should we change our open-access policy to our public workstations? An anonymous threat was sent out from an open-access computer on campus last year. The administration seems to be leaning toward a policy that would require personal log-ins for public computers. We are reluctant to deny access to non-affiliated community residents who regularly use our computers. The new X-P operating system requires a personal log-in. If we went to a personal log-in system staff members could still log patrons in. The fact that potential mischief makers would have to be logged in by staff might, in and of itself, deter people from violating university policies. We would maintain a log of such users. We also have plans to initiate a pay-for-printing policy. The major question that arose was would the library be liable for any use of our machines that violated any laws. If so then the matter becomes an issue for university policy. Since AU receives some NYS funding, do citizens have a right to use our computers? Steve will check on these and other questions.

2. Herrick will suffer the effect of two librarian retirements at the end of this academic year. The librarians discussed the ramifications and possible scenarios resulting from this event. Herrick's budget has been routinely reduced over the past twelve years, but now the President has requested that a Records Management program be implemented for the university. This would require the services of Laurie. Gary informed us that the responsibilities of the Systems Librarian would be likely to be greatly expanded in the near future. There is a possibility that one of the librarians will not be replaced, due to the university's budget woes. It was agreed that we would have to present a number of scenarios to the administration. The important thing is that we cannot allow our services to be cut.

Next meeting was scheduled for 8 October at 10AM.

Faithfully,
Francis