Libraries, Media, and Computing Committee (LMAC) Minutes
September 16, 2002

Present: Peter Greenfield, Rayna Flye, Bill Barry, Norman Imamshah, Marilyn Mitchell, Zaixin Hong, Kent Hooper, Renee Houston, Rob Hutchinson, John Lear, Patrick O'Neil (Chair), Geoffrey Proehl, Mark Reinitz, Eric Scharrer, Ronald Stone

The first meeting of LMAC for 2002-2003 began 2pm on Sept. 16.

Patrick O'Neil was elected chair and it was agreed that at the next meeting a secretary would be chosen who would take minutes throughout the fall semester. It was proposed that much business be done through subcommittees reporting back at occasional full committee meetings.

Most of the meeting was devoted to considering the future role of LMAC. One model discussed was that of a largely reactive faculty "sounding board" for the OIS and the library, acting on an ad hoc basis to urgent issues. An example would be the role LMAC played evaluating and endorsing the university's decision to adopt Blackboard courseware during 2001-2002. Others felt LMAC should take a more proactive role with some regular input into budgetary and policy issues. O'Neil endorsed the first approach and recommended that LMAC focus in the next months on two or three upcoming issues LMAC identifies as significant, such as facilitating the smooth and widespread faculty adoption of Blackboard.

LMAC will next meet on Friday October 4, 2002, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in Library 020 (Presentation Room).

Respectfully submitted,

John Lear