Dear M. Valerie Anderson,

Here is my report from the library committee.

Best wishes,

Julio G. Dix

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The library committee met twice in the school year 2018-2019.

November 1, 2018:

The head acquisition librarian reported an increase of 2.3% for FY 19 budget,

and indicated that increase will be used for covering serials inflation.

The librarian indicated changes in the faculty lending policy.

She also indicated that the management of some computer labs have been

transferred to library.

The librarian gave an overview of 4 construction projects in the building.

She also informed us that our library joined two organizations,

Hathi Trust and Greater Western Library Alliance, as part of the plan to

achieve ARL status.

April 18, 2019:

Reports from the grants were presented. In summary:

$10,288 were allocated from the New Faculty Start Up Funds,

$19,402 from the Library Research Grants, and

$177,733 from the Online Resource Grants.

The librarian indicated that inflation will create a shortfall in covering

journal subscriptions. (subscriptions cost about $350,000, and grow at

the rate of 5% or 6% per year.) So a strategy for the next year needs to be developed.

The librarian updated the committee about the 4 infrastructure projects.

The librarian also mentioned new services provided by the

library to facilitate research in our University.