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Motion on Professor Craig

Professor Robert Craig has sent a letter resigning his university duties. He is the only person who has been chair of the senate twice; and he has contributed a great deal to the university community and its governance. A resolution was made to express for all of us our gratitude for his work on our behalf. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion on Library Expansion

After several friendly amendments, the motion was "In view of the current situation with regard to the expansion of Dimond Library, the Faculty Caucus would like to thank formally the University Administration for contributing to the expansion of Dimond Library an additional \$2.25M in support of the project and to urge the Administration to do everything that they possibly can to build the 55K sq. ft. expansion as planned." The motion passed unanimously.

Motion on the Faculty Senate

The motion that we ask the trustees to approve the Constitution of the Faculty Senate at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees passed with two nays and one abstention.

Motion to the Faculty Caucus
from the
Library Committee of the Academic Senate
11 December 1995

Preamble

During Thursday's meeting (7 Dec. 95) of the Academic Senate's Library Committee we learned the following about the expansion of Dimond Library from Claudia Morner (University Librarian). Early last year the plan was to expand the Library by 65,000 sq. ft. for \$12,000,000 (currently, the library has 165K sq. ft. of floor area). The architectural firm that was hired to design the expansion estimated that \$12M would buy a 55K sq. ft. expansion. So they drew plans accordingly and passed them on to a construction cost estimating consultant. The consultant estimated that the 55K sq. ft. expansion would cost \$14.3M. At the same time, a different consultant for Campus Planning determined that auxiliary costs not directly associated with the physical construction of the expansion (e.g., moving expenses, new furniture, asbestos abatement and sprinkler systems in the old building, contingency funds, etc.) were underestimated by \$2.25M.

In response to this predicament, the University has asked the Library staff to consider the impact of reducing the size of the expansion to 38.5K sq. ft. (which might be built for \$12M) and they have allotted an extra \$2.25M to cover the auxiliary costs (\$1.25M from Repair & Renovation and \$1M from two UNH Foundation Undesignated Gift Funds).

It seems to the members of the Library Committee, then, that we have a choice of purchasing a 38.5K sq. ft. expansion for \$12M or a 55K sq. ft. expansion for \$14.3M. The 55K sq. ft. expansion seems like a much better deal (a 43% larger expansion for a 19% larger investment).

Motion

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The Committee would like to present the following motion to the Faculty Caucus:

In view of the current situation with regard to the expansion of Dimond Library, the Faculty Caucus would like to ~~formally thank the University Administration and the Board of Trustees for supporting the expansion of Dimond Library by contributing an additional \$2.25M to the project and to urge the Administration and the Board to do everything that they possibly can to~~ ^{contribute} ~~find another \$2M in order to~~ ^{delete} build the 55K sq. ft. expansion as planned.