

# USF St. Petersburg Library Committee

## *Annual Report for 2008-2009*

Library Committee Membership:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>End of term on committee</u>
Christopher F. Meindl, Chair	CAS	2010
Sudsy Tschiderer	A&P	
Rich Moss	COB	2010
Mark Koorland	COE	2009
Kathy Arsenault, Library Dean (Ex-Officio)		

The Library Committee meets infrequently, but we did receive a briefing from Dean Kathy Arsenault in October 2008.

To begin with Dean Arsenault announced that she is retiring and that a search would commence soon regarding her replacement. Chris Meindl had already been contacted about serving on the Library Dean Search Committee. Indeed, the search committee met several times between late 2008 and early 2009 and eventually interviewed several candidates by phone and three on campus. The search committee deemed all three acceptable and compiled a list of each candidate's strengths and weaknesses and submitted the material to Dr. Norine Noonan (VCAA).

Meanwhile, Dean Arsenault informed the Library Committee of her concerns regarding the worsening budget situation. Costs for electronic resources have tripled and yet the Library budget was being reduced. On a positive note, Dean Arsenault revealed that she had good conversations with the new USF system Library Dean, Bill Garrison and that a new distance learning fee may help expand opportunities to offer courses via distance learning.

Submitted by Chris Meindl on 4 May 2009