

## Director's Report for Senate Library Committee

1. The new library at Southampton is open though the lower level SINC site and classrooms are not ready. The library floor is nearly complete. Oct 10, 10am is a ribbon cutting. All are invited. When the building is completely furnished, I plan to hold a reception for librarians, friends, donors, probably early Nov. I will invite your committee members.

2. We are working on two deeds of gift which will bring in significant collections. One, reported earlier, is the library of Hilda Doolittle, an important imagist poet and friend of Ezra Pound and other major literary and cultural figures. This collection is tied to the sale of a signed first printing of Joyce's Ulysses which will go to auction at Christie's in December. We expect to receive over \$300K from this sale. The second collection is an outstanding personal library on American art with especial strength in artists such as William Merritt Chase who were active on Long Island. The collection will come with a \$250K bequest.

3. As part of the review, the provost sponsored a web survey of faculty use and views of the library. I haven't had time to digest the results, but I recommend that when the reviewers' report is available your committee take up these documents in that context. I will supply my summary of the survey results.

4. This week I meet with the SUNY library directors to finalize the internal allocation of the new Elsevier contract. Because of the diverse interests of the various SUNY campuses, this negotiation is as difficult as the negotiation with Elsevier.

5. The New York Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI) legislation to provide funding to public and private academic libraries to acquire electronic resources passed both houses unanimously and is currently on the governor's desk. The bill lacks funding, but it is very important that the governor sign it (this is, not veto it) so that next year's effort can concentrate on securing funds from agencies involved in economic development (rather than higher education). Provost Kaler along with many university administrators has sent the governor letters of support.

6. The provost gave us permission to post both a librarian position responsible for interlibrary loan and liaison with the College of Business and a replacement for my secretary Maryanne Vigneaux who retires at the end of October.

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