

# Cornell University Library

## Library Management Team

Notes from the May 19, 1998

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Jerry Caswell, David Corson, Claire Germain, Tom Hickerson, Janet McCue, John Saylor, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman, Vally Kovary

**1. Library Advisory Council** Vally Kovary presented a proposed mission and structure for a Cornell Library Associates Council. Vally believes that the Council could serve as a vehicle to line up powerful alumni to provide strategic support. At Cornell, most major operating units have advisory boards and they create a favorable dynamic with regard to fund raising and "friend-making" that is more difficult to achieve in their absence. The care and feeding of advisory boards requires a strong commitment of time and effort on the part of senior staff and the careful recruitment of board members.

External Relations would handle the logistics but LMT would have to provide direction. Vally estimated that it would take eight months to a year to assemble the Council. We discussed the problems CUL had in the past with an advisory board and "classic" problems that can arise. We were particularly interested in knowing whether this would augment or replace existing efforts and in identifying success measurements. Sarah said that we would return to this issue in the fall.

**2. Digital Library Proposals and Initiatives** We discussed some of the digital projects and initiatives in the Library and our involvement in the national arena.. Ed distributed a list of the digital projects and initiatives receiving external funding. Sarah said that Jerry's role will be to provide closer coordination and more careful planning in this area.