MEETING OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Baruch College Library Committee was convened on March 18, 2010, to assess the current status of the Baruch Library – its needs and accomplishments to date. Presiding, Ruth Adler. In attendance: Carla Bellamy, Lisa Ellis, Wayne Finke, Jessica Lang and Lin Peng. Also present were Arthur Downing, Chief Librarian, who reported on the status of the Library and Michael Waldman, Head of Collections, who provided helpful information to the committee.

Significant aspects of the presentation and ensuing discussion include the following:

- In the recent Faculty Experience Survey, the Baruch library fared well with regard to faculty satisfaction as compared to other units of CUNY.

- Despite budget constraints, the Baruch Library has expanded with support from the School of Professional Studies. However, the Computing department did not do as well and lacks considerably in resources.

- Faculty asked to be alerted to the acquisition of new material which they have requested.

- Efforts will be made to expedite the acquisition of new titles to accommodate special requests. Baruch has an account with Barnes and Noble on 18th Street, which can be utilized when necessary.

- The Library will seek means to allow faculty to access all databases from their office computers.

- Efforts are being made to build an endowment to increase library holdings with targeted amounts for each department.

- The Library has received $125,000 to purchase textbooks for every course. Students have taken note of this and there has been an encouraging increase in student usage of the library.

- Note was taken of the loss of Professor Jerry Bornstein. A memorial service is being planned for him in April when he will be inducted posthumously into the Honor Society by the Zicklin School of Business.

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