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N.C. Legislature Funds Hunt Library Planning

Planning for the James B. Hunt Jr. Library, the second phase of the NCSU Libraries' Master Plan, is underway thanks to a \$19 million appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly. In addition to supporting the planning process, the funding will also extend the necessary utilities to the library's building site at the south end of the Centennial Campus Oval.

The Hunt Library, with a total project cost of \$114 million, will be a companion to the D. H. Hill Library, providing critically needed study space for students and faculty. It will house collections focused on engineering, textiles, and specific scientific disciplines that relate to research underway or planned for the Centennial Campus. The prominent site between the new College of Engineering buildings and the planned Town Center ensures that the library will be on the primary pedestrian pathway and serve as the nexus or "living room" for the campus. Sharing this 264,000-gross-square-foot facility will be the Institute for Emerging Issues, which former Governor James B. Hunt Jr. was instrumental in establishing.

The building committee is chaired by Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Larry A. Nielsen. Other committee members are:

Susan Nutter, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries

Carolyn Argentati, Donald Moreland Deputy Director of Libraries

Anita Brown-Graham, Director of the Institute for Emerging Issues

Michelle Bolas, Assistant Director of the Institute for Emerging Issues

David Rainer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Environmental Health and Public Safety

Jack Colby, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations

Marvin Malecha, Dean of the College of Design

Jim Martin, Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the Faculty Senate

Tom Miller, Vice Provost for Distance Education and Learning Technology

Bob Fraser, Associate Vice Chancellor for Centennial Campus Development

Michael Harwood, University Architect

Carolyn Axtman, Architect and Project Manager

Carole Acquesta, Director, Capital Project Design

Selection of the lead architectural design firm will be completed by mid-November with programming completed by May 2008. The selection process included advertising for architectural firms to submit their qualifications for consideration by September 21. Once the building committee winnows the submissions down to about six top candidates, these firms will be invited to a series of interviews and design exercises, dubbed a charette, running from November 9 through 11. The location will be in Burns Auditorium, Kamphoefner Hall, and interested members of the NCSU community are invited to observe. The top candidate, based on evaluation of the charette, will be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Following the selection of the lead design firm, a similar process will be followed to select the consultant firms that will work with the lead designer. The programming phase, to begin in January 2008, will include consultations with faculty and student groups. If all goes according to schedule and pending additional funding, construction will be completed in 2011.

For more information about the selection process, contact University Architect Michael Harwood [michael_harwood@ncsu.edu] or Project Manager Carolyn Axtman [carolyn_axtman@ncsu.edu]. ♦

TRLN Libraries, Consortium, Support Strategy To Increase Access to Online Journals

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) and its member libraries have become one of the first library consortia to sign on to SERU (Shared E-Resources Understanding), a pilot project to increase access to online journals. This initiative is from the National Information Standards Organization (NISO). Participating libraries and publishers will acknowledge a set of shared expectations regarding issues not addressed in current copyright law. These include consensus definitions of terms such as “authorized user” and what constitutes a “site.” The trial-use period for SERU ends December 20, 2007. The Working Group will then assess and determine next steps for establishing SERU best practices in the marketplace of digital scholarship.

According to TRLN Director Mona Coutts, the use of SERU could potentially help to bring hundreds of additional journals online for TRLN library users. TRLN and its member libraries would also be able to reallocate hours of staff time currently spent in

licensing negotiations toward enhancing services for library users. According to Coutts,

TRLN is looking to expand its portfolio of shared electronic content and stands ready to talk to any publisher about using the SERU framework to accomplish that goal.

Selden Durgom Lamoureux, electronic resources librarian at UNC–Chapel Hill and a member of NISO’s SERU Working Group, said the framework takes away the burden of negotiating a license for each electronic resource.

It allows librarians and publishers to defer back to well-established copyright law to govern the use of electronic resources.

For information about SERU, go to <http://www.niso.org/committees/SERU/index.html>. Questions may also be sent to NC State’s External Relations Librarian Anna Dahlstein by calling 515-3585 or via e-mail to anna_dahlstein@ncsu.edu. ♦