

AD-HOC MSU COMMUNITY LIBRARIANS COMMITTEE

Hospital librarians who serve MSU students and residents are scattered across the state and dissimilar in the services and resources they provide to these patrons. All libraries agree upon their need greater support from the MSU main campus. On October 28, 1991, these librarians were invited to an informal discussion to identify common issues. The two major problems were MSU's document delivery system and the need for more library use training of medical students.

On November 20, 1991, Dr. Hiram Davis invited the following individuals to meet with him at the MSU Main Library: Ria Lukes (MHSLA president), Stephanie John (Ad Hoc chair), Doris Blauet (for osteopathic hospitals), Carol Armstrong (MSU), Leslie Behm (MSU Clinical Center Library), Judy Coppola (MSU and former KOM resource person). The need for a routine mechanism for feedback was identified and a Participating Libraries Advisory Committee was proposed and supported by MSU. It will be formally activated when needed. MSU hopes to develop an Information Symposium within the next two years and plans to have biomedical information as a key component. A copy of MSU's "Action Notes" for this meeting is available upon request.

In March 1992, Dr. Davis shared copies of the following 'white papers' with the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee: "MSU Medical Programs and Library Services" and "East Campus Library Facility", both of which were prepared for the 1992 MSU/CHM accreditation team. He also enclosed a copy of the older Task Force Report on Medical Information Access and Library Services from July 1990. Many MHSLA members assisted in the production of this report by answering the MSU Task Force's survey but the results had not been shared with the survey respondents.

Informal communication with MSU continues to take place. Carole Armstrong will be communicating with the chair in early October as to the latest developments at MSU, which will be communicated to the members at the annual meeting. Any members with concerns or questions are invited to contact the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair