Cabinet Minutes
June 17, 2003

Present: Allen, Bailey, Candido, Cantrell, Conway, Gupta, Hartsell, Jones, Juhl, Kulczak, Lennertz, Ograsky, Rogers, Shrauger, Simpson, Waligorski, Williams, Young

Dr. Ainsley Carry, director of the Enhanced Learning Center (ELC), addressed the group to explain the goals of the ELC and how the library might help support it.

The mission of the Center is to provide academic assistance and guidance to students of all abilities and at all levels, although freshmen and sophomores will be aggressively targeted since students who leave the University usually do so within the first two years.

The Center provides the following services and programs:

- Tutoring
- Study-skills education
- Personal development planning
- Math and writing resources
- One-on-one academic counseling

There will be an aggressive math support program at the ELC, and representatives from the Quality Writing Center will also be continually present. The ELC will be working with academic departments to coordinate academic programs with the services offered. Indeed, several faculty members have already participated in the planning process for the ELC. A total of sixty-three tutors have currently been recruited. Honors and high-achieving students will also be serving as tutors since the Honors College requires a service component for all their students. Bright students are also encouraged to take advantage of the ELC services. A wireless environment will be provided to those using the Center.

By July 15 the ELC should be fully operational. On August 27 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to which the University community is invited. A $2 million budget is available to support the Center for the next three years.

Carry pointed out that the ELC would like to include a library “module” as part of a curriculum series. He hopes that the Center will be able to make referrals for students not just to “the library” but to individual persons within the library for assistance. He would welcome any events hosted in the library for ELC students. Perhaps the library could host some study sessions for them.

Carry hopes that he and library personnel can meet soon to discuss more specific plans for the coming academic year.
Dean Allen thanked Dr. Carry for his presentation and discussion, assuring him that the library will cooperate in any way it can with the goals of the ELC. More information about the ELC can be found at the following URL: http://www.uark.edu/ua/elc/

Allen asked if there were any other announcements to be made by those present.

Young announced that an informational session was held earlier this morning regarding an asbestos abatement project to take place next week in preparation for the construction of new offices in the northwest corner of the building (where many of the Ref-Index volumes used to be housed).

Young also emphasized, in answer to a question, that the library—along with other units on campus—will be giving up 2 percent of its budget to the University ($137,000 taken from the materials budget) to help cover University expenses for the coming year.

Young also reminded library employees to submit as soon as possible any requests for travel if they have not done so already. She also asked for any requests for equipment.

Bailey mentioned that the records for volumes in LRC that are being transferred to Mullins have been temporarily suppressed from public view. In the meantime, anyone who wishes to have access to any item from LRC should fill out an ILL request form and mention in the “Comments” field that it is an LRC item.

Waligorski mentioned that Acquisitions is no longer placing book orders until the book accounts have been closed out for the present fiscal year.