Faculty Library Committee Update, October 2006
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Status report:

This is a brief report from the Faculty Library Committee in order to help make senators aware of an upcoming event at the Mansfield Library, inform the senate of the agenda of the FLC for this year, and to encourage all faculty to communicate any issues they have concerning the library to the FLC.

Department Library Representatives Meeting:

The Mansfield Library will be sponsoring a “Department Library Representatives Meeting” on Thursday, October 19 from 12:10 – 1:00 pm in the Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room. This is the second year the Mansfield Library has sponsored such an event with the encouragement of the FLC. The purpose of this event is to help inform Department Library Representatives of the allocations process including the various methods used by different departments in deciding how to spend their allocation. It is also a chance for Department Library Representatives to give input to the Library Faculty on the allocations process. All Department Library Representatives are encouraged to attend or send a colleague in their stead if they cannot attend.

Agenda for the FLC during this academic year:

During this academic year, the FLC has a number of items on our agenda including: (1) an annual review of the Mansfield Library budget, (2) a discussion on the allocation process, and (3) a discussion on scholarly communication. Our agenda was generated in discussions with the Dean of the Library, Bonnie Allen, and new items will be added to the agenda if necessary. This can include agenda items for the FLC suggested by faculty senators or other faculty (see below on communications).

Communication:

Finally, I want to let the Faculty Senate, especially all the new senators, know that the FLC is open to hear all concerns and questions from the faculty and campus community regarding Mansfield Library or the FLC. You may contact me through email, andrew.ware@umontana.edu, call me at 6221, or come to one of our regularly scheduled meetings. The meetings are open and are posted on the FLC web site that can be found linked from the Faculty Senate web page (this semester, our meetings are on the third Thursday of each month starting at 8:10 am and are held in the Buckhous Room of the Mansfield Library).