

Faculty Library Committee Update, December 2008

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This is a brief report from the Faculty Library Committee to make senators aware of the activities of the FLC, and to encourage all faculty to communicate to the FLC any issues they have concerning the library.

The FLC meets monthly during the academic year. This fall, our agenda included, among other items, a review of the acquisitions budget of the Mansfield Library, a discussion of the role of the FLC in the self-study of the Mansfield Library for the University's reaccreditation, and revising and updating the appendix of the document [Procedures and Guidelines of the FLC](#) (which contains quite a bit of interesting information regarding the library). Please note that the agenda of the FLC for Spring 2009 can include agenda items suggested by faculty senators or other faculty.

Regarding the FLC's Participation in the Reaccreditation Process:

According to its charge, the FLC participates in the accreditation processes affecting or involving the library. **To be able to do this effectively, the FLC needs to hear from you if you have any issues concerning the Mansfield Library.** My email address is nikolaus.vonessen@umontana.edu.

Library Dean Bonnie Allen requested that the FLC respond, in particular, to Standard 5.B.4:

“Opportunities are provided for faculty, staff, and students to participate in the planning and development of the library and information resources and services.”

Regarding this standard, please note that there are various ways faculty can give feedback to the library: through their departmental Library Representative, by directly contacting their Liaison Librarian, via the Mansfield Library's Electronic Suggestion Box (<http://www.lib.umt.edu/contact.htm>), and, of course, by contacting the chair of the FLC.

Acquisitions Budget Report:

At the September 2008 meeting of the FLC, Barry Brown, Head of Access and Collection Services for the Mansfield Library, gave a presentation on changes in the acquisitions budget (included at the end of this update). Here are a few highlights: From FY 2000 to FY 2008, the Mansfield Library acquisitions budget increased from \$2.1 million to \$3.6 million; this is a result of regular inflationary funding additions to the base budget. During this period the library went from 4,500 paper journal subscriptions to over 25,000 titles to which we currently have access (mostly electronically), and went from being a net borrower for Interlibrary Loan to being a net lender. This was largely made possible through multiyear, consortial, buying of ejournal packages, the addition of fulltext databases, and the cost savings of moving from paper to electronic access. Comparing the FY 2008 and FY 2009 acquisition budgets, the budget increased 7% which matches the projected rise in journal inflation costs, and there is a significant switch to Electronic Resources (26%) from paper serial subscriptions and an increase in purchasing Monographs & Media (19%).

Communicating with the FLC:

Finally, I want to stress that the FLC is open to hear all concerns and questions from the faculty and campus community regarding the Mansfield Library or the FLC. You may contact me through email, nikolaus.vonessen@umontana.edu, or come to one of our regularly scheduled meetings. The meetings are open and are posted on the [FLC web site](#) (which is linked from the Faculty Senate web page).



Collection Development Snapshot: FY2000 and FY2008 - Eight Year Comparison

Collection Factors	FY 2000	FY 2008
Acquisitions Budget	\$2.1 million	\$3.4 million
Items Cataloged & Added (Monographs & Media)	9,706 total	15,317 books; 2,194 media
Acquisitions Funds Allocated to Books & Media	20% – 25%	20% – 25%
Journal Subscriptions/Titles Accessible	4,500 paper	25,000 + electronic & paper
Electronic UM Dissertations & Theses	0	1,400
Electronic Books (e.g., Gale, Netlibrary, PsycBooks)	0	25,000 +
Government Document Catalog Records with URLs	0	36,000 +
Interlibrary Loan	Net Borrower	Net Lender

Collection Development Allocations: FY2008 and FY2009 - Two Year Comparison

FY 2008

Acquisitions Budget = \$3,450,396
 Serials (paper subscriptions) = \$740,000
 Electronic Resources = \$1,778,000
 Monographs & Media = \$672,396
 Standing Orders = \$145,000
 Core Approval Plan = \$312,000
 Supplemental Fund = \$217,396
 Delivery = \$250,000
 Binding = \$10,000

FY 2009

Acquisitions Budget = \$3,691,925
 Serials (paper subscriptions) = \$395,000
 Electronic Resources = \$2,236,000
 Monographs & Media = \$800,925
 Standing Orders = \$140,000
 Core Approval Plan = \$360,000
 Supplemental Fund = \$300,925
 Document Delivery = \$250,000
 Binding = \$10,000

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