

University Library Committee's Resolution

Whereas, the Faculty Senate recognizes that Mansfield Library collections and services serve as essential parts of the University of Montana infrastructure for research and creative scholarship and are also vital for a strong teaching and learning environment; and

Whereas, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Accreditation Standard 2.E requires the institution to provide access to library and information resources with an appropriate level of currency, depth, and breadth to support the institution's mission, core themes, programs, and services; and

Whereas, the library, as an academic unit, is critical to student academic success; and

Whereas, academic instruction has undergone significantly lower budget reductions than other campus units in order to minimize direct harm to students and is anticipating a one percent reduction for fiscal year 2015; and

Whereas, the library has been required to reduce its budget disproportionately to other academic units this year and is anticipating a base budget cut of eight percent next year; and

Whereas, the cost of academic library resources typically increases at a rate of 6-8% annually and providing inflationary increases to the library collections budget are necessary in order to maintain current subscriptions to journals, indexes, databases and other continuing resources; and

Whereas, in addition to base budget cuts the Dean of Libraries has been told to anticipate receiving no inflationary allocation for fiscal year 2015 (which results in an additive four percent budget cut for a total base budget cut of 12% in fiscal year 2015); and

Whereas, the effects of large funding rescissions on academic library resources are compounded each year and necessitate the cancellation of resources (*see list of planned cancellations for FY 2015*); and

Whereas, the ASUM Senate has passed a similar resolution supporting the library;

Therefore, Let it Be it Resolved, that the Faculty Senate asks the President, Provost, and Vice President for Administration and Finance to not cut the library budget proportionately more than other academic instruction departments; and

Therefore, Let it Be it Further Resolved, that the Faculty Senate asks the President, Provost, and Vice President for Administration and Finance to provide adequate yearly inflationary increases to the library collections budget.

Mansfield Library - Collections Budget – 3 Year Snapshot and Notes

FY 2012 Allocation = \$4,641,551 (includes 8% Inflationary Increase)

No Rescissions

Net Collections Budget = \$4,641,551

Impacts:

- Maintained existing resources
- Added significant new resources

Comparison: MSU Library Collections FY 2012 = \$4.6 Million

FY 2013 Allocation = \$5,010,076 (includes 8% Inflationary Increase)

Additional One Time Only Rescission of \$141,544 after allocation

Net Collections Budget = \$4,868,532

Impacts:

- Maintained existing resources
- No new subscription resources added

Comparison: MSU Library Collections FY 2013 = \$4.9 Million

FY 2014 Allocation = \$4,826,680 (Base budget decrease of \$360,000; plus less than a 4% Inflationary Increase)

Additional One Time Only Rescission of \$277,000 after allocation

Net Collections Budget = \$4,549,680

Impacts:

- No new subscription resources added
- Cancellation of some existing databases & journals (*see list for FY 2014*)

Comparison: MSU Library Collections FY 2014 = \$5.3 Million

FY 2015 Allocation = \$4,210,948 (Base budget decrease of \$615,732; plus 0% Inflationary Increase)

Notes: The total library budget for FY 2014 was \$7,696,533. A base budget reduction for FY 2015 of \$615,732 is 8% less. The expected 8% inflationary increase to the collections budget would be \$336,000. The loss of the inflationary increase is an additional reduction of 4% for a total library base budget reduction of 12%.

Impacts:

- No new subscriptions or large electronic resource acquisitions
- No new electronic journal backfiles
- Large reduction of monograph and media acquisitions
- Large reduction of digitization projects
- Substantial reduction in the number of current databases & journals

Comparison: Expected MSU Library Collections FY 2015 = \$5.6 Million