

University Library Committee Meeting Minutes, January 14th, 2019

Call to Order

Members present: H. Curtis, A. Klene, V. Hedquist, P. Gardner K. Granath D. McCrea, T. Shearer, T. Ward

Members absent/excused :S. Shen

Ex-Officio present: S. Zhang

Guest: B. Brown

- The minutes from 11/19/18 were approved.

Communications:

- Dean Zhang provided several updates.
 - The Provost's visit to the Mansfield Library is February 26, 2019. The library is preparing a presentation and organizing logistics to make the meeting productive. Professor McCrea is chairing the Planning Committee.
 - The Student Learning Center and Buckhous Room were used for or spring semester orientation registration. The library welcomed students at the *Griz Winter Welcome* event.
 - Professors Teresa Keenan and Wendy Walker submitted a proposal to the Missoula Lions Club to upgrade the library's Accessible Technology Room. The Lions Club donated \$2,500. The fund will be used to improve the door to the Room by installing swipe card access.
 - The library was given approvals to recruit two vacant faculty positions (Government Information Librarian and Online Learning Librarian/Instruction Coordinator), and one IT staff position. The new online learning librarian will work closely with the library's IT staff to support the UM's mission in expanding online education. The recruitments are in progress.
 - The former Math Lab on Level 1 will be re-purposed into Innovative Services Space to provide training and consultations for innovative services. The area will be reconfigured to include a staff and lead student office, studio space, 3D printing, small video edit capacity, and instruction space, including a video wall. Individual consultation will be available in the space.
 - The library's Archives and Special Collections installed a new exhibit on level 3. The Linderman exhibit, Plenty Coups Chief of Crows / Plenty Coups of Aps`aalooke, was designed by Annie Smyrl. Annie is a student assistant in Archives and Special Collections. The items in the exhibit are from the Frank Bird Linderman Memorial Collection (Mss007), held in the Mansfield Library Archives and Special Collections department.

- Mark Fritch from the library helped provide approximately 75 images to the Jason Neal/Radius Gallery. A recent Missoulian article, “More new restaurants, local art program announced for Mercantile hotel” mentions the images from Archives and Special Collections at the Mansfield Library.
- According to Glenn Kneebone, Paw Print Manager the library continues to be a leader in providing learning/doing tools for UM students. A new laser cutter is now available for use in the Paw Print. The laser cutter has already been used to create a plaque for the University Center., states that
- Professor Tammy Ravas organized a series of performing artistic events in the newly constructed Learning Commons area for spring 2019. The first event was on January 17, with UM students performing live music. The event was welcomed by the students.
- After 7 years Dean Zhang has accepted another position at Auburn University. It is growing and has resources. Dean Zhang’s farewell reception will be held on Tuesday, February 5th in the Theta Rho Room from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

Business

- Members of the Committee discussed the Provost’s announcement of the Dean’s departure and process to name an interim dean. It was surprised that the call for applicants did not require candidates to have a background in Library Science. The committee approved the motion appended with two abstentions and it was sent to Provost Harbor.
- Professor Barry Brown attended the meeting to discuss the procedure for requesting new databases and e-resources. He distributed, and briefly discussed, a summary of the current Mansfield Library FY2019 Collections Budget, and the Trends of the Mansfield Library Collections Budget (both are attached). A 29 page cumulative cancellation list of resources, from past years, was also passed around. Acquisition Foundation accounts have been used to mitigate reduced collections budgets over the last few years. But given that the available spendable funds are being used up this year and the amount available next year will be far less –this is not sustainable. Unless the Acquisitions Budget receives a yearly inflationary increase more resources will need to be eventually cut. Interlibrary Loan can be used, but typically takes a minimum of 2-3 days. UM already participates in several library buying consortiums. One of the ULC members commented that some UM faculty maintain affiliated status at other institutions in order to have access to additional library collections.
- Monographs and media can be requested, as needed, via an online form on the library website. Given the significant reduction of the library Collections budget, there have been many resource cancellations over the last few years, and there is no current opportunity

to add new databases or e-resources unless other resources of similar cost are cancelled. Some programs, such as Pharmacy and PT share the cost of specific information resources with the library. However, it is important that faculty, staff, and students continue to let the library know what resources they need for their research, learning, and teaching. The library maintains a collections “wishlist” to guide new acquisitions of databases and eresources as funds become available. UM faculty, students, and staff can contact any librarian or Barry Brown, Head of Access and Collection Services to add resources to the wishlist or to further discuss collection needs.

Good and Welfare/Question and Answer

- The Committee expressed gratitude to Dean Zhang for her service. The Dean is grateful for the support of the deans and excellent faculty at UM. This was her first dean position and it helped her learn how to navigate the university system.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Call for applications for Interim Dean Communication to Provost Harbor

January 14, 2019

Dear Provost Harbor,

In light of our assigned responsibility as the Library Committee of the Faculty Senate to “advocate on behalf of the development and maintenance of library resources and services as well as the needs of library stakeholders, including faculty, students and staff, ... [and to review] library matters as they relate to the University’s academic mission,” we passed the following statement during our January 14 meeting:

As a library committee, we ask the Provost’s office to revise the call for an interim dean of the library to make clear that candidates should have a background in library science or related field. Our call as a committee to attend to the professionalism and quality of our library staff and faculty makes it clear that an interim dean assignment needs to have a level of expertise and command of the library profession.

We look forward to your response.

Valerie Hedquist, Professor of Art History and Henry Curtis, Student

Co-Chairs of University Library Committee

MANSFIELD LIBRARY - COLLECTION BUDGET FY 2019

8 October 2018

I. STATE FUNDS \$3,319,172 Allocation

No inflationary increase allocated to FY 2019 Collection Budget
State Allocation for Collection Budget = \$3,319,172
Addition: UM Affiliate Libraries Cost Share of \$143,000
Addition: Foundation Aquisition Gift Funds of \$317,000
Addition: Research Office WoS funding of \$50,000

II. ALLOCATIONS

Continuing Resources (Databases & Ejournals & Print Journals & Ebook Subscriptions & Standing Orders)	\$3,093,172	State Fund Allocation (\$155K Foundation Acquisition Funds Addition) (\$143K Affiliate Libraries Cost Share Addition) (\$50K Research Office WoS Addition)
Monographs & Media	\$0	State Fund Allocation (\$163K Foundation Aquisition Funds Addition)
Collection Utilities	\$204,000	State Fund Allocation
Postage & Mailing	\$20,000	State Fund Allocation
Binding	\$2,000	State Fund Allocation

Mansfield Library Collection Budget - Trends - Fall 2018

In FY 2013 the university budget allocation for library collections was over \$5 million (before a rescission was received that year). In FY 2019, it was about \$3.3 million - **a reduction of 33%** over the last six years (not counting the loss of yearly inflationary increases which results in a much greater reduction of overall purchasing power). This has resulted in resource cancellations and a significant loss in access to journals, databases, books, and media that students and faculty rely on to keep up with research and scholarship in their disciplines.

The library currently has a collection budget, that is smaller in total amount than it was 11 years ago (FY 2008). And the collection budget now has a structural deficit and access to current e-resources for FY 2019 can only be maintained by spending down large amounts of Foundation Gift Accounts available for Library Acquisitions and greatly reducing monograph and media purchases. **In FY 2020 maintaining current e-resources will no longer be sustainable** and the only solution, unless the collection budget allocation is increased by a yearly inflationary factor of at least 6%, will be to cancel a large amount of e-resources including Ejournal Packages.

Mansfield Library - Collection Budget Allocation - FY 2005 to FY 2019

	Allocation (Final)	Base Cut	Inflationary Increase	Rescissions	Net Increase/Decrease
FY 2005	\$2,823,606		6%	\$10,241	+ 6%
FY 2006	\$3,102,270		9%		+ 9%
FY 2007	\$3,224,670		9%	\$156,000	+ 4%
FY 2008	\$3,450,396	\$156,000	7%		+ 7%
FY 2009	\$3,691,925		7%		+ 7%
FY 2010	\$3,985,088		8%		+ 8%
FY 2011	\$4,300,695		8%		+ 8%
FY 2012	\$4,641,551		8%		+ 8%
FY 2013	\$4,868,532		8%	\$141,544	+ 5%
FY 2014	\$4,549,680	\$360,000	0%	\$277,000	- 6.5%
FY 2015	\$4,210,948	\$615,732	0%		- 7.4%
FY 2016	\$4,171,948		0%	\$39,000	- 1%
FY 2017	\$3,966,948	\$224,000	0%		- 5.3%
FY 2018	\$3,366,948	\$600,000	0%		- 15%
FY 2019	\$3,319,172	\$48,000	0%		- 1%