
Future scheduled AY 2009 FLC meetings: September 25, October 23, November 20, February 12, March 26, & April 23. All meetings on Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:55pm

Minutes of April 17, 2008 – approved

University Librarian’s Report – Rich

Everyone on the committee introduced themselves. Rich reviewed the online FLC site.

New Jersey Knowledge Initiative

The State dropped funding for Nature, Wiley Journals, and Business Source Premier so the library has had to pick up these costs. NJKI will continue to fund Academic Search Premier.

AY 2009 Opening Library Budget (non-personnel)

The library received a reduced budget this year (reduced $124,729) from AY 2008 $1,275,377 to AY 2009 $1,150,619. The combination of this plus NJKI dropping databases and regular price increases means the library will have to cut some resources.

AY 2009 Book Budget Reduced

Our book budget (print and ebooks) this year is $94,000 ($10,000 for e-books), down from $222,436 last year. Rich noted that our Library now has the same book budget as Passaic Community College. Chris Funkhouser asked whether NJIT could continue to be competitive with this book budget. Rich agreed and said the Library is losing its ability to support NJIT’s research and teaching. David Lubliner asked if we had usage statistics for print versus electronic resources. Rich responded that we had circulation statistics for the print collection showing
that students use more books than Faculty overall. Erin pointed out that a comparative analysis of the electronic resource statistics is difficult due to lack of standardization (e.g. some sources count hits, some count downloads). David also asked about the possibility of the book store providing ebooks and Rich responded that the book store is an independent entity and the Library is not involved with the book store. The Librarians noted that the Library is not funded to purchase textbooks and that many textbooks are still not available electronically. Haymwantee asked the Faculty if they would like to see more online books and most members responded that they would.

Stephen Pemberton asked how this reduced book budget might impact future Middle States Accreditation. Rich responded that we were cited in 2002 for having too few books, too few staff and not enough space. The following year we had an increased book budget but returned to smaller budget the following year. Our budget is smaller now than when the 2002 Middle States visit took place. We received no citations in the 2007 periodic review and the next visit is expected in 2010/2011. Rich also noted that no additional allocations were given for the new programs despite detailed resource requirement outlines that were prepared by the Liaison Librarians and submitted by the Departments.

**Revised New Jersey Academic Licensure Requirements**

New information literacy provisions are now incorporated in the New Jersey Academic Licensure Requirements. Rich distributed the new licensure rules and noted that the library is in the process of evaluating. Rich has taken this to the Provost committee on Academic Affairs and will be discussed at the next UCRC. It is not clear who is responsible for overall information literacy at NJIT. The library is not an academic department and cannot require courses, but can be part of the process. These requirements will be enforced either by a visit from the State or via participation in Middle States. A University-wide plan and resources are required to properly address these requirements.

**AY 2009 Library Database Renewals & Cancellations**

Erin reiterated that Academic Search Premier will be paid for by the State for another year. The Library has funded Wiley and Nature Weekly plus three additional Nature titles, however we no longer have access to the entire Nature Suite of 13 titles. The Library will also continue to fund Business Source Premier. Applied Science Abstracts and INSPEC will be cancelled, as voted on by the FLC in the spring. Omnifile was slated to be cancelled but since the State funded Academic Search Premier, we saved approx $14,000 leaving a $4,000 shortage to fund Omnifile (at approx $18,000). The Library contacted Wilson to inform them we needed to cancel and they offered a 15% discount to renew for one more year. This new price leaves a $2,000 funding gap but Rich has decided to renew and try to make up the difference in another area. Janice Daniel asked why we are down to one SciFinder Scholar user and Erin let her know we have
purchased two seats. Bruce mentioned that we are going to the web product in November so pricing and seats will be re-negotiated at that time.

**AY 2009 Journal Renewals & Cancellations**

Overall we are losing 131 titles and subscribing to 330 titles. Specific cancellation lists by Department are available on the FLC website.

Erin explained that there have been some changes to what constitutes a Department for the FLC. According to the Provost:

- Transportation was previously considered a Department is now considered a program for the purposes of FLC and is rolled into Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
- Biological Science is now a Department
- Materials Science reports directly to Provost so will now have a seat on the FLC and a journal ranking list but will not have a vote.
- Information Technology reports directly to the Dean of the College of Computing Science so will now have a seat on the FLC and a journal ranking list but will not have a vote.

Erin reviewed the Journal budget allocation formula and clarified that the university data inputs come from institutional research and the journal cost is a four year average cost of journals actually purchased for Department. She also clarified that 80% of the journal budget was allocated with the formula and 20% (the Provost set-aside) as allocated with the formula minus the journal cost adjustment.

She addressed the National Prominence journals, which were funded previously by a one-time funding allocation. The Library was able to continue these a few additional years due to some vendor credits and NJKI, however this year there were no additional funds available and these journals are scheduled to be cancelled. Leonid Tsybeskov asked why the National Prominence wireless titles were not renewed and not ranked on the ECE Departmental ranking list. It was decided that this issue will be taken up with Departmental Chair in additional meetings. Janice Daniel wanted clarification regarding the change for transportation and will work with Erin on some additional calculations.

Rich informed the Faculty that they can still make equal value substitutions to the list, provided these titles are not shared with another department. If a shared title fell below the funding line of one of the participating departments the cost was then rolled over to the remaining department(s) where it falls above the funding line. Erin noted there may be a few additional shifts of titles from the cancelled to funded list due to inclusion in our subscription to Omnifile or discounts due to package purchases. Erin will let the committee know about any changes.
Information Literacy Update

Davida explained the new Research Roadmaps workshop series, where in conjunction with HUM 101, students will attend three library workshops accounting for 10% of their grade. The Library will be able to track the students and use data for future assessment. The Reference Department also provides upper level undergraduate and graduate instruction in various classes and Faculty are encouraged to contact their Liaison Librarian for more information. In terms of the new licensure requirement, Information Literacy encompasses more than just library research so the new plan should involve the university outside of just the library.

Student Issues

The student representative wanted to know if NJIT students could use the Rutgers Library. Doreen explained the reciprocal borrowing program and will provide details so this can be shared with other students.