New Jersey Institute of Technology
Faculty Library Committee Meeting Minutes
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University Librarian’s Report – Rich

a. Change of April 23 FLC meeting to April 30 (2009).

b. Upcoming presentations:
   - Rich will be presenting with Blake Haggerty at EDUCAUSE on Millennial Disconnects with Learning Management Systems
   - Rich will be presenting with Haymwantee Singh at the Alexandria Library, Egypt on the future of information literacy

c. New Jersey Knowledge Initiative. The State dropped funding for Nature and Wiley Journals but at the last minute picked up Business Source Premier. NJIT (along with 17 other libraries) already paid so we are currently negotiating some type of credit. NJKI will continue to fund Academic Search Premier.

d. AY 2009 Book Budget. No changes for now but we may have to take the journal overspend out of the book budget at some time in the future.

e. NJIT Information literacy plan. Librarians are currently working on a proposal for a university-wide information literacy plan. Rich noted that the Library is not an academic department so we can’t create courses, and that every department will have to plan an active role. The plan will eventually be presented to the UCRC.

AY2009 Library Journal Final Reviews and cancellations
Erin reported that the journal orders are essentially completed and she is just working out a few minor details. Refer to the FLC site for the final list of renewals and cancellations. The former National Prominence titles that were originally slated to be cancelled will be picked up this year, but they must be ranked next year in order to be funded. There are a few options for funding these additional titles: credit from Business Source Premier, take amount from the book budget, or some journal prices may come in cheaper than originally thought to close the funding gap.
Erin opened a discussion about potentially revising the journal selection process for next year. She reviewed the formula and Rich put forth a suggestion that we change the weighting of the average journal pricing from 80/20 to 70/30 (that is 70% of the allotment will be adjusted for average journal price and 30% will not. Erin also said that the Library is considering reducing the amount of the Provost set-aside to 5% of the budget (or $10,000). Rich opened up the floor for comments and noted that the process would not be changed unless the FLC votes to change it. Boris suggested that perhaps the multi-disciplinary titles such as Science, Nature and Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS) should be funded out of a general pool. Erin responded that Science and Nature (one title) are covered in the databases and we have PNSA electronically (with a 6 month embargo). It was suggested that a subcommittee form to potentially identify some shared use / highly multidisciplinary titles. Yuan and Erin volunteered, as did the student rep Steven Elliot.

Rich said that next year he will recommend transportation is reinstated with its own list for the purposes of journal rankings. Erin and Rich also reminded the committee to ensure all titles needed (including previously unranked) need to be on the Department ranked list for next year. If the Department’s allotment is not exhausted by the ranked list, any additional money will be put back into the central pool and redistributed.

**Student Issues**

Steven Elliot brought up the issue that the printers in the library computer lab are often malfunctioning. Rich noted that this is not our jurisdiction but if Steven would send an email to Rich with the details he would send it along to the appropriate person.