Minutes  
Faculty Library Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 18 2010, 2:30pm-3:55pm  
Library Room 2032


Future scheduled AY 2010 FLC meetings: (March 25 CANCELLED), April 22

1. Minutes of October 15, 2009 - Approved

2. University Librarian’s Report – Rich

a. Academic Search Premier (NJKI) unlikely to be renewed in AY 2011.
Governor Christie has made cuts to NJKI and it is likely Academic Search Premier and Business Source Premier will only be funded until July 2010. The NJIT library will have to take over funding these databases after that point if Departments rank them high enough to be above the funding line.

b. AY 2010 & AY 2011 Budget issues
The journal cancellation list for 2010 is up on the FLC website. For the coming year, the State of NJ is projecting an $11 billion dollar deficit and NJIT is anticipating further cuts. Rich encouraged the FLC members to seriously assess their Departmental priorities in this year’s ranking process as the lowest priority items are not likely to be funded.

c. 2011-2015 Library Strategic Planning Process
Rich has set up a Strategic Planning committee composed of Faculty members and library representatives. The Library Strategic Plan will align with the University Strategic Plan. Rich circulated a list of sample library strategic plans for reference.

d. eBooks Study – Librarians note growing interest among undergraduates
The library’s electronic book system (EBL) was demonstrated. The library is currently conducting a survey of vendors, platforms and readers available. Rich circulated copies
of a pilot program at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) where the library is piloting lending electronic material on various readers. He also circulated an article from Educause about E-books in Higher education. Janice mentioned the issue of durability of the readers and Rich said that he will ask the Librarian running the study when he speaks to her. David mentioned the proposed study in his Department where electronic course materials and ipads will be piloted. They are currently seeking a grant for this project as well as other Departments that may want to participate in a pilot. Andrew expressed some concern about students being distracted reading course materials on a web-enabled device and that they wouldn’t be able to highlight or annotate as they do in print textbooks. David responded that currently the devices only have capability for one window/one task at a time and they have highlight and annotate features.

e. Library Preparation for Middle States
NJIT’s Middle States visit is scheduled for 2012. Rich mentioned that FLC members or other Faculty may be asked questions about their experience with the library, and he asked FLC members to let him know if there is anything they feel we need to pay particular attention to so we have time to prepare a response.

3. 2010 Wiley Database - 3 Year Contract Update –Erin
Erin recapped our situation with the publisher Wiley. Last year Wiley discontinued the VALE group package we used to purchase and we have been in negotiations for a new contract since July 2009. We have recently received a draft three-year contract for the Full Collection, consisting of 1,229 titles and priced $4,500 above what we are currently spending to maintain only 15 Wiley titles (with a 5% increase per year). There are 29 titles we previous received through the old package that are not included in the Full Collection, and this list with usage statistics was displayed (and is also posted on the FLC website). Rich also pointed out, that although the pricing was more reasonable than we expected, the extra money will have to be taken from another part of the materials budget. He also noted there is a financial hardship clause in the multi-year contract, and there is a window every year that we can notify Wiley of budget cuts and withdraw.
4. Review Database Ranking Process for 2011 databases
Erin distributed database usage stats and a review of the database ranking process. She also reviewed the rankings from last year. Erin will send out ballots and Departmental votes are due by 3/11/10. David asked about resources for new programs, particularly the new proposed joint medical degree. Rich pointed out that every new program approval requires a statement of resources required, and in no cases of new programs have the proposals stated they require additional library resources, and in no case has the library received additional funds to purchase materials for new programs. Rich has brought this issue to the attention of the Provost and Department heads and pointed out that each FLC representative represents the interests of all programs in their Department, including new programs.

5. Review Journal Ranking and Selection Process for 2011 databases
Erin distributed a review of the journal ranking process. The journal rankings will occur in May.

6. Rapid ILL Report
Doreen circulated recent statistics on Rapid, the new Interlibrary Loan Service started last March. We are filling 81% of requests with a 24 hour period. We are still working with the system and trying to continue to improve turnaround time. Many of the articles are now available in pdf format.