

Meeting 1. The Missouri S&T LLRC met on October 14, 2008.

Andy showed a draft of his presentation for the Chancellor's Council (11/5/08). The content generated several questions and a productive group discussion ensued.

Andy summarized the Library's acquisitions expenditures for FY08. FY09 budget reflects a 4% increase over FY08. The total S&T Library budget, expressed as a percentage of the campus operating budget, is 2.7%; the average of the other three UM campuses is 3.5% (FY08 data).

Meeting 2. The Missouri S&T LLRC met on November 7, 2008.

The Committee discussed strategic and tactical planning for the Library. There are both external and internal considerations.

Meeting 3. This Missouri S&T LLRC met on May 13, 2009.

The LLRC reviewed remaining questions from the November meeting.

Maggie Trish (Assistant Director for Technical Services) thoroughly explained and guided a discussion on preparing for possible 3, 5, and 10 percent budget holdbacks in FY09.

The Library's strategic plan was reviewed; no action was taken.

Scholars' Mine now contains more than 5,500 items (about one year duration). The Scholars' Mine librarian, Amanda Piegza, has taken another position in Indianapolis. The position vacated by Amanda will be filled by mid-November 2009.

A new journal portfolio management system which involves an annual process for dropping subscriptions of underutilized journals to free up funds to subscribe to journals for which there is more demand was discussed and supported by most LLRC members. The new process has as a side benefit that it naturally adapts to changes in the journal budget: when the budget is cut in tough economic times, not all the funds freed up by dropping subscriptions are used to add subscriptions and, conversely, when the budget is increased in bright economic times, more subscriptions are added than covered by the freed up funds. Over the summer, Maggie and Daniel worked on a letter to all faculty explaining the rationale behind the new journal portfolio management system and submitted it to the LLRC for approval. The approved letter was sent to all the faculty on September 16th 2009.

Much more detail is available in the minutes for each LLRC meeting. Andy continues to express his gratitude to the members of the LLRC for their time and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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