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FA ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S LIBRARY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Hi David Mokler, Nancy Ayer, Nancy Simpson, Nancy Sonnenfeld, Karen Pardue, Tom Leach, Ali Ahmida, Kit Juniewicz, and Bill Snyder,

I'm hoping that you all will find it acceptable to conduct the FA Academic Affairs Committee's Library Sub-committee meeting via email this Spring, 2003. A report is included below. Other than Budget, which is the first item, there are no other major issues facing the UNE Libraries. Please respond with questions, comments, suggestions via email by Monday, April 14th at 5:00 pm.

*A flat budget is the most daunting challenge for the UNE Libraries this coming fiscal year. Under these circumstances, I'm asking you to re-approve the Library Sub-committee's recommendation from last year to, if possible, maintain all database and full-text ejournal subscriptions. Understand that this may mean reduced print acquisitions. <u>Please reply with a YES or a NO to this email.</u>

NOTE:
Recommendation was unanimously approved by the FA AAC Library Sub-committee.

* UNE Libraries homepage is now in compliance with University Relations standards. Materials, including many full-text sources, are accessible from this page from on or off-campus.
http://www.une.edu/library/index.html
* UNE Libraries General Information is now accessible via the webpage:
http://www.une.edu/library/services/libinfo.html
* Libraries' Policies, including a Privacy Policy prompted by the USA PATRIOT Act:
http://www.une.edu/library/services/policies.html
* Off-campus access no longer requires a user to configure his/her browser:
http://www.une.edu/library/database/remote.html
* ScienceDirect: a consortia agreement has been negotiated between NELINET and ScienceDirect for "shared titles" among members for the next 3 years.
http://0-www.sciencedirect.com.lilac.une.edu/science/journals
* ejournals collection continues to grow. >16,000 print and electronic full-text journals are accessible. The ejournals link will access only electronic full-text journals:
http://www.une.edu/library/eresources/ejournal.html
* Print or ejournals to which the UNE Libraries subscribe can be checked with one-stop-shopping, in the UNE Libraries' catalog. Type in the title of the journal that you are searching for in the box indicated by "Search Libraries Catalog" in the upper right-hand quadrant of the Libraries' homepage. The print version of a journal will have nothing after the title. The electronic full-text version of a journal is indicated in brackets by the words [electronic resource]
http://www.une.edu/library/index.html
* Many databases are available via the Databases by Title webpage. All databases from the previous year were maintained this fiscal year even though the Libraries underwent budget cuts.
http://www.une.edu/library/database/dbalpha.html
* CAS new program money has been transferred to the Libraries and new books and journals have been purchased to support these programs: Business, Philosophy & Religion, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.
* Library liaisons continue to work with CAS, COM, and CHP faculty to develop collections to support all three colleges.
* User instruction is taking place again this semester, particularly with Gregg Zogg & Jay Hunt's students. Faculty may request this service from any Reference Librarian.
* Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: In compliance with the Institutional Assessment Committee's (IAC) mandate to assess student learning outcomes, the UNE Libraries have formed a standing committee, the Library Outcomes for Users Team (LOUTs), to formally/statistically assess library user skills before and after instruction.

* Maine Women Writers Collection continues to host programs and acquire primary source materials:
http://www.une.edu/mwwc/
* Capital needs: an urgently needed new library catalog (Innovative Interfaces, Inc.) server and software has been installed and is up & running. Transition to the new software will occur this summer. The Libraries' training room has been put on hold because of the budget, but is high on the capital priorities list. Lighting on the upper level of the WCC has not been permanently fixed, but inexpensive desk lamps were purchased for use.
* The laser printer in the UC Library has been outfitted to do double-sided printing and is operating extremely well. Thanks to student Erik Hardy for initiating this project!
* New England Osteopathic Heritage Center: The UNE Libraries' staff are working with Gretchen Sibley and an advisory board of osteopathic physicians to establish a resource center for the preservation of the history of Osteopathic Medicine in New England. This endeavor is entirely supported by grant money. The Libraries are providing a temporary start-up space and donating staff time. An ad for a part-time archivist has been posted.
* Fund raising for the WCC Library renovation is still ongoing by University Relations, Ted DiPadova, Libraries staff, and a BOT Committee.
* Master Plan: A UC Library addition/renovation is still on the plan, including more study and materials space and perhaps an archival facility.
* Retro Conversion Project: This project, funded by the State of Maine grant money, is well underway to create electronic bibliographic records for previously uncataloged books in both campus Libraries.
* UNE BOOKS project is showcasing UNE book authors, either as sole author, co-author, one of many authors, chapter contributor, editor, or illustrator.
http://www.une.edu/library/whatsnew/unebooks.html
* The UNE Libraries 2001/02 Annual Report is available upon request. A new report for fiscal year 2002/03 will be compiled after May 31, 2003.

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