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Faculty Assembly, Academic Affairs Committee's Library Sub-committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2005
10:00 - 11:00 am
Video conference rooms: Alfond 247 / Goddard 100
Present: Dave Johnson (Chair), Jim Norton, Rick Peterson, Joe Habraken, Sharon Eckert, Stew MacLehose, Barbara Swartzlander.
Absent: Bonnie Davis, Carol Elliott, Karen Pardue, Tom Leach, Andrew Golub.
* Overview of UNE Libraries from the "More..." link on the UNE Libraries homepage:
http://www.une.edu/library/services/libinfo.html
* Budget for the next fiscal year is sufficient to maintain journals, ejournals, and database subscriptions. There also is money for materials.
* ejournals: 22,000 titles and growing: http://www.une.edu/library/eresources/ejournal.html
* Databases: http://www.une.edu/library/database/dbsubj.html
* Scopus: we're asking all faculty and students to please let us know what you think of the database Scopus. This Elsevier database, that contains cited references back to 1996, is accessible on a trial basis now. In particular, please compare it to Current Contents. From the UNE Libraries homepage, click on the "What's New" link, then click on "Preview Test Databases" and choose Scopus: http://www.une.edu/library   Also, preview any of the other very interesting databases!!!
* materials: http://lilac.une.edu/   Faculty and student requests for materials are always welcome.
* preview test databases: http://www.une.edu/library/whatsnew/testdb.html
* DVD films and documentaries are being purchased with "windfall" money. They are chosen to support the curricula and are part of the effort to support student retention efforts. Suggestions from faculty and students welcome.
* Library user instruction is ongoing. All of the Bio 100 and Bio 104 students, as of January, have completed the "Critter on a Card" assignment.
* Libraries' 2004-2005 Freshman Survey Results summary: "It seems that students are growing less prepared for academic work as the years progress. Though capable and cautious Web users, they are inexperienced with and unaware of traditional and online published information sources. Students are using libraries less, and writing fewer papers. (Anecdotally, students in the Masters in Education program complain about decreased funding for technology and libraries, and pressure to "teach to the test" for standards.) Those students who have used diverse library resources have also had a positive library instruction experience, according to our survey, but this is not the majority of students who are being admitted to UNE. The Libraries staff needs to continue to communicate and co-operate with the faculty to address this problem, and to continue to be diligent in reaching incoming freshmen students. The addition of a sixteen-computer training area in the UC campus library in 2004 has been a great help."
* Assessment: Cost-per-use of databases/ejournals/journals to justify subscriptions. Statistics are available for those interested.
* Assessment: By studying Maine InfoNet and ILL requests, subject areas in the UNE Libraries' own book collection will be enhanced.
* Suggestion: compare the UNE Libraries electronic resources to other institutions of comparable size and curricular offerings. Serials Solutions is a vendor that may be able to provide a comparison.
* NetLibrary ebooks: an academic collection of electronic books that are available via the UNE Libraries' catalog.
* According to Elsevier, Guyton's Textbook of Medical Physiology will be released in July and it will be a STUDENT Consult title. It will be available to students only with the purchase of the textbook. Student Consult is not available for libraries at this time.
* WebCT courses: to mount links to full-text ejournal articles or ebook chapters, contact Stew MacLehose for assistance. Copyright permission varies from vendor to vendor.
* Printing will probably become pay-to-print in the Fall. Blackboard software + UNE ID card swiping. It's a possibility that a number of copies will be offered up front at no cost to each student/faculty, then after that number is reached, a per-page charge will be assessed.
* In response to the mandate from Dave Mokler, FA Chair, as per his December 2004 Report to the Faculty:
"UNE as a Pre-eminent University. The Chair of the Faculty Assembly has charged each Committee of the Faculty Assembly to develop a set of criteria that would identify what needs to be done to make UNE a pre-eminent university. This would be helpful in guiding us into the future," the Committee members would like "pre-eminent" defined so that a set of criteria can be developed. In thinking about this from the UNE Libraries perspective, a more comprehensive materials collection, especially books, is needed. And, more study space for students 24/7/365.
* Libraries Annual Report http://www.une.edu/library/whatsnew/lirar.pdf
* For shark dressing information call Dave Johnson. Also, wait with baited breath for his DVD. The Libraries will probably have to buy this hot item!

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