

ULB Report to the Academic Senate

April 15, 2013

SJSU Peer Connections will be holding hours in the Spartan Collaboration Room on the King Library lower level, opening on April 2nd. When the room is not occupied by Peer Connections, it will be used as an SJSU only student collaborative/learning space.

LOFT (Libraries of the Future Task Force)

- The C.O. saves approximately 11.6 M per year by negotiating shared database subscriptions for CSU campuses.
- Shared services such as SFX (Get Text) and Metalib save the CSU nearly \$4.8M yearly.
- The six campuses involved in the LA Basin pilot were Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge and Pomona.
- For the past 10 years approximately 32% of these six campuses' print collections did not circulate. Thirty percent circulated approximately 1-3 times, 20% 4-9 times, and 18% 10 plus times.
- Dean Kifer mentioned the importance of access to free electronic books and resources. Ideally, in the future the library would have direct links to free ebooks through the catalog, including those offered by the HathiTrust, Project Gutenberg, and the Digital Public Library of America.
- One of the goals of shared retention, access, and acquisition of print materials is to free up space in the libraries for student centered services and spaces, such as the SJSU Student Learning and Research Commons.
- The COLD Assessment Team and CSU Fullerton's Social Science Research Center are working on implementing assessment of library services, including information literacy and the impact of collaborative spaces on student success.
- SJSU Library will first complete the duplicate weeding project. Then, the Reference Collection will be analyzed to make it more usable.

Affordable Learning Solutions (Agee)

Highlights from the 2nd Annual ALS workshop at the Chancellor's Office include the mention of a new personalized website that helps students easily find resources to support their learning goals located at <merlotx.org>. The site also lists over 1300 mobile apps for learning (both Apple & Android).

Last year, SJSU Library received a \$20,000 grant from the Chancellor's Office to support faculty ALS efforts. Of this amount, \$6000. is left to be awarded to faculty who agree to replace their commercial textbook with a low or no cost alternative. Stipends range from \$500. to \$2500. and will be based upon the complexity of the project. Ann distributed the application which must be submitted by May 17th, 2013. An email will be going out from the Provost and the Center for Faculty Development to all faculty members informing them of this opportunity. Faculty will be expected to work on these projects in summer and fall 2013, with implementation by Spring 2014. Faculty can work on their projects individually or in groups. See <http://library.sjsu.edu/sjsu-affordable-learning-solutions/textbook-alternatives-project> for more information.

Provost's Allocation for Support of Faculty Research (Kifer)

Dean Kifer reports that the Provost responded to the ULB's request for support to allocate a portion of funding from the Research Foundation's indirect costs to the library by giving the library \$100,000 to support faculty research from the Provost's Office. The \$100,000 will need to be spent by the end of this fiscal year. Ruth will draft an email and share it with ULB. The email will outline this opportunity to purchase library materials to support faculty research. An equitable plan to benefit all colleges and interdisciplinary research was discussed. It was recommended that requests for acquisitions include a short paragraph (less than 125 words) about what materials are being requested and why they are needed to support faculty research.