

Libraries' Committee Report  
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The Senate Libraries Committee met to consider a number of issues of importance to the Libraries this year. There are three items to which we need the faculty's attention:

1. You may no longer use your social security number to request library materials. You must use your employee id, which you can find on your paycheck stub. Students will continue to use their student id numbers.
2. There is an informational listserv through which the Libraries' staff makes announcements about new resources, policies and opportunities. If you have not already subscribed to that list, **you can do so by sending e-ref@umsl.edu and state that you want to be added to the Libraries' Update Listserv. The Libraries Committee recommends that all faculty do so.** Most recently this list was used to inform faculty of recent electronic database additions.
3. Copying using cards at the Library will soon change. The Libraries will soon begin contracting with UMSL Printing Services to provide copiers and card vending equipment. This will allow patrons to obtain a single card that can be used for copying at all of the pay copiers on the campus. **The Libraries will no longer bill faculty or departments for copying.** Rates for coin copies will be \$0.10; card copies will cost slightly less. (Rate to be determined by Printing). Departmental billing will be available through Printing. There will be no interruption of copying services in the Libraries. The current vendor has continued to serve us on a month-to-month basis, and will not remove their machines until new equipment arrives and is installed. Any outstanding balances on current copy cards will be refunded to patrons. It is expected this will happen by the end of the semester.

In addition, the Libraries Committee again endorsed the need to update the Campus Action Plan by *explicitly* including the Libraries in the document (since this is the document against which funding recommendations are evaluated). The two suggestions provided include amending:

1. In the section, "Enhance the quality and delivery of undergraduate and graduate/professional education," we suggest adding a fifth item:
  5. Develop Libraries infrastructure to support the academic mission with the following increase per capita library expenditures by FTE from \$435 to \$671.
2. In the section labeled "Build the quality of research, scholarship, artistic/creative activity and graduate programs," subcategory, "Faculty Research and Scholarship:," we suggest adding a ninth item:
  9. Develop Libraries collection to support the historical and emerging academic disciplines.

In future meetings, the Committee will work with the Libraries' staff evaluating future needs and in examining the monograph collection policies.

The next meeting of the Senate Libraries Committee will be on November 30 at 1pm in the Libraries Training Room.