

Annual Report from the Library Advisory Committee
April 2010

The Library Advisory Committee has met three times during this academic year to discuss the needs, resources, and issues related to the operation of the Longwood Library.

One issue related to expansion of the current Longwood facilities. Mark Lenker provided a presentation in September which outlined the need and plans to address the need. Longwood needs to expand its library in order to meet SCHEV standards and to keep up with current trends of heavy library usage by students, faculty, and staff. Rather than build onto Greenwood Library, the expansion plan described in the Campus Master Plan involves annexing the majority of Lankford Hall for library use.

Because Greenwood Library was built to bear the load of the library's physical collection, it will continue to serve that role, with much of its current public space given over to housing more materials as the physical collection continues to expand. Much of the renovation in Greenwood Library will focus on making the physical collection more easily accessible to library users.

Lankford Hall will be very extensively renovated, with heavy emphasis placed on rewiring the building to accommodate a significantly expanded Learning Commons space. To put it simply, the Information Center (including the current learning commons, the instruction program, and the multimedia lab) will move over to Lankford's more technology-rich, public-services-focused environment.

The two buildings will be connected by an enclosed pedestrian bridge. This bridge will allow the safe transfer of library materials from one library building to the other in periods of inclement weather. It also has the potential to serve as a pleasant destination in its own right – outfitted with plate glass windows and comfortable furniture, the bridge would afford library users a lovely vantage point for viewing the rest of campus.

Dr. Wendell Barbour also reported on the immediate plans to make changes to the way that space is allocated in the current library. With the vacation of the upstairs room by the Governor's School, plans are underway to utilize that space and to make some construction changes to the first floor for the purpose of providing small group collaboration areas and to enhance the space for multimedia presentation support. These physical changes are expected to be completed by Fall, 2010.

A second issue related to library expenditures. Dr. Wendell Barbour reported the following expenditures for fiscal year 2009/10.

Books/e-books	\$ 172,649
Databases	\$ 183,391
Periodicals	\$ 227,797
Standing Orders/binding	\$ 31,028
Microform	\$ 12,233
Total	\$ 627,098

A third issue discussed by the LAC related to current resources available for course support. An allocation of \$100,000 for purchase of texts and other resources by faculty necessary for course development and delivery was available during this academic year (2009-2010). As of March 1, many departments had spent their allocation but some funds still remained. Faculty members were encouraged to make their requests and needs known to their Library liason. Stimulus monies are expected which will be used in part to support course developments and deliveries.

Finally, the committee discussed ongoing issues:

- The need for increased faculty support of library programs
- The need to Increase the number of volumes held by the library which support current departments and disciplines
- The need for volumes to support new programs and new areas of study
- The need to update and maintain the electronic data bases.
- The need to realize the plans for physical expansion of the library to accommodate the student population

Respectfully submitted,
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