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To: Leo Kempel, Dean of the College of Engineering
From: Yue Qi
Chemical Engineering and Materials Science (CHEMS)
University Committee for the Library 2015-2016
Subject: 2015-2016 Annual Report for University Committee for the Library (UCL)

Meetings: April 22th 2015, October 19th 2015, March 14th 2016

UCL Committee Members (participated in these meetings)
Valentina Denzel Arts & Letters
Bridget Behe Agriculture and Natural Resources
Janet Hauck Education
Kevin Bartig Music
Carol Prahinski Business
Brad Rakerd Communication Arts and Sciences
Karen Malmsten Nursing
Carol A. Wilkins Osteopathic Medicine
Linda Racioppi James Madison
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Brian Mavis Human Medicine
David Solomon Human Medicine
Cheryl Swenson Veterinary Medicine
Christine Tobias Non College Faculty
Liam Brocket Social Sciences
Jane Meland Law
Cody Mejeur Graduate COGS
Emily Yates Graduate COGS
Domonique Clemons Undergraduate ASMSU
Clifford Haka Director, University Libraries

Other participated in these meetings
Nicole Smeltekop MSU Libraries
Terri Miller MSU Library

Committee Activities

Haka gave updates on the following issues and the committee discussed these items.

1. Updates on Anticipated Engineering Library Closure/Update on library space:
   April 2015: The Engineering Library will be closed by the end of 2015. As a consequence to this, the MSU Library will be facing the problem of relocating more than 100,000 physical volumes as well as an increase of people occupying the space of the library. Hence, the MSU Library will need a larger off-side facility with employees to store larger volumes. A further advantage of the relocation to an off-side facility would be the usage of the freed space to move the Special Collection out of the basement. Haka also mentioned the possibility of the Business–Library closing in five years from now, but decisions still have to be made.
**October 2015:** Starting around November 1st, books from Engineering will be taken out to storage at the Library’s Remote Storage facility located on the property of Capitol Bedding near the airport in Lansing.

**March 2016:** The **Engineering branch library** closed at the end of the fall semester 2015. The **Math library** will be closing at the end of the semester (spring 2016) at the request of the central administration. Generically the original rational for branches was to place key reference sources and journals near faculty, but in both instances these resources are mostly electronic, minimizing the need for costly branch. While there has been some preliminary consideration of **closing the Business Library**, this is strongly opposed given the number of library seats that would be lost, further exacerbating the overcrowding in the Main Library and forcing students on the east end of campus to travel a long distance to use the Main Library.

In the next three or four years, books and library material, especially materials that have been digitized, will be moved out to Remote Storage. There will be no diminution of access to materials, with daily delivery of materials for circulation and scans of articles will be delivered to the requestors desktop. The Special Collections stacks in the basement will be moved up to 2 East, where and appropriate controlled environment will be established to enhance preservation. The micro-fiche and micro-films cabinets, that are not frequently used, will probably be moved to the storage as well. Next summer, a reorientation of circulation and reference is envisioned.

2. **Update on Remote storage:**

**March 2016:** A three-fold increase in the space at Remote Storage will allow for 1 – 2 million volumes to be relocated to storage over the next 2 – 3 years. An initial high-density shelving installation has been installed in the first 10,000 square foot addition, and is anticipated to hold nearly a million volumes. Circulation, or lack thereof, will guide the selection of materials to be stored. It is anticipated approximately 4 million volumes will remain in this building for browsing and direct access. Materials moved to Remote Storage will be retrieved directly by staff that will be housed there during the regular work. The space freed-up by these move will enable the following:

1) The relocation of the Special Collections stacks to 2-East, wherein they will be housed in an appropriate and consistent environment that is conducive to the long term preservation of our rarest materials.
2) Additional seating space.
3) Space for enhanced contemporary user spaces and services, such as the relocation of the Art Library to 2-West, where immediate access to the MakerSpace operation will be available, plus additional space for music listening stations and gaming encounters.

3. **Updates on Rovi-collection**

**April 2015:** On April 1st, the MSU Library acquired the Rovi-collection: Rovi is a media company with a huge media base with DVDs, CDCs, and gaming. The Rovi-collection includes over 750,000 CDS of music and over 150,000 DVD/videos. The MSU Library is now the largest holder of video gaming, which could enhance the Undergraduate program in this area of research. With the acquisition of the Rovi-collection, the MSU Library will be facing the problem of space and cataloging. Rovi has a database, but is not willing to share
this database with the MSU Library. In the next couple of years, the MSU Library will therefore be working on enhancing data on these records with two MSU data-base-specialists. The MSU Library will also need to create space for the Rovi-collection.

**October 2015:** Rovi is a company that gathers meta-data, writes reviews of media, and sells it to other businesses and libraries. Rovi possesses 900,000 items of videos, CDs, games, and other media and set out a call to various institutions, such as the Smithsonian and University of Michigan. MSU Libraries received the Rovi collection and will put it in circulation locally and through MeLCat. MeLCat is a collective online catalog that includes material of 400 libraries in Michigan. Even without having advertised the Rovi-collection, the MSU Libraries is getting three to four times as many requests for the Rovi Collection than for any other material at MSU, ca 300 to 400 requests per day.

**March 2016** Terri Miller (Head of Public Services) responded to questions concerns the gaming portion of the Rovi Collection, which contains video games dating from the 1980s to 2014, making this one of if not the largest gaming archives in the US. The largest segments of the collection are IBM PC Compatible, Nintendo and Play Station. The MSU Library did not receive all of the counsels necessary to play these games and has had to buy counsels/working systems from local gaming shops to enable utilization. Two rooms in the MSU Library/Digital Media will have flat-screens, plus older television sets required for many older games, plus five counsels. The PC-games will be held in the area behind the two gaming rooms with 6 to 8 gaming computers working with online-system, probably STEAM, that would assure access MSU-wide. MSU works together with other libraries that have gaming collection like North Texas University to install and improve circulation of material.

4. **Update on Library conference room**

**April 2015:** The Northern-Conference-Room-area that was built in the 1990s is an aging area that needs new carpeting and upgrades to better suit for movie events and meetings. Furthermore, the MSU Library plans to continue carpeting for 3 WEST and received new money for seating in this area. Also, the MSU Library plans setting up a one-touch-video-lab where one can practice presentation and video tape one-self. If this space will not be used for the one-touch-video-lab, it could serve as rooms for gaming and for the Rovi-collection.

5. **Update on the SWETS situation**

**April 2015:** Libraries have middle vendors who have relations with publishers and pay out all the vendors. The problem that the MSU Library encountered recently was that one of the vendors went bankrupt with the MSU Library money that MSU had prepaid in order to get discounts. The MSU library is now working with two fiscally stable companies and does not prepay anymore.