

2014-2015 End-of-Year Report University Library Committee

The committee discussed and gave recommendations of the following issues:

- The desire of the Library to have a digitized concept implemented within 4 years library. This included adding more classrooms and moving all book collections to third and fourth floors.
- The involvement of faculty in the Library deselection process, including discussions of a 1-2 week faculty review period. The final negotiated timeline was 1 week because of limited space.
- The Library budget was met with Student Assessment Fees and helped the Library remain solvent.
- The LOUIS partnership saves the campus over \$1 million annually. We discussed how important it is that the legislature recognizes this as a critical resource.
- Updates given on the library remodel. An architect was found; cost estimates would be forthcoming
- The faculty was selecting most of the books to keep back from the deselection process electronically.
- The Library applied for a grant to fund study rooms with electronic monitors.
- A new policy was implemented in the deselection process that required faculty to communicate why books were being taken off the deselection list. The reason was that this information was needed for accreditation reports.
- In order to meet the deselection goal of 125,000 books removed from the Library shelves by 2016, over 400 per day had to be deselected. The Library is nowhere close to this pace. The committee discussed the alternatives as we approached the goal date.

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