News

The Libraries received official notification of the Gale/Cengage Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The letter states that they will be maintaining current business.

Proquest announced that they were planning to use CAPTCHA authentication to try to reduce bot traffic. Beth will forward the press release.

The Chronicle reported that UofA is #10 in fast growth. Also they published ARL expenditures. Judy examined those and found the UA Libraries to be in good shape compared to some other institutions in the country. She asks us all to let our constituents know that we are doing the best we can to steward our resources. One way we do so is by joining consortia. GWLA generated $24,000 in savings. Amigos generated $65,000 in savings.

http://0-chronicle.com.library.uark.edu/article/Fastest-Growing-Campuses/140741/

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Judy sent out a Sage/Taylor & Francis offer for v.1- access offers. Someone in ILL reviewed cost per use for those requested and based on those findings only 4 or 5 of the requests can be accommodated.

Budget

Judy maintains a spreadsheet of costs for serials. What she recorded and what she sees reported in the system are not currently matching so she is working to reconcile those figures. She reports that we had 4.7 million last year and the estimate based on system data is 5.3 million for this year. That is only an estimate, she is not sure that is correct since she is still working on the figures. We have $60,000 committed to ebrary dda and 10,000 committed to ILL dda, therefore we must remember that $70,000 will be taken of the top of the final budgetary figure. Reserves also must be considered since we never know what we might spend.
We requested $55,000 for Newsbank for access to the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. The current Newsbank model isn’t satisfactory because of delays in access, however, so she is still working on that issue. Those funds will be held in reserve until access issues are resolved.

Some items you also see in the budget are OCLC Cataloging, ILL, state funds, endowments and student fees. We also manage the funds for some departments such as the funds for the Walton College databases, and Middle East Studies and agriculture both transfer funds to us to buy library materials in those areas.

The actual amount the student fee is expected to generate will equal $700,000+. Fees must be partially contributed to the Chancellor’s scholarship fund therefore we will not be able to use all of that $700,000.

Misc

Tony mentioned the Dr. of Nursing program. He will send Judy the previously submitted fund request so that they can follow up on funding support for this new program. Tim Zou mentioned the high cost of streaming licensing fees and a request for videos. Beth mentioned the need to follow up on putting licensing information in the bib. Mary will work on a procedure for this.

Judy and Kathleen will attend the new faculty orientation. Norma asked anybody who might speak to new faculty to mention the library tours. They start on Wednesday and continue through the next two weeks.

Judy reminded us that news is filled with audits of Universities. Universities are being carefully scrutinized and must be able to answer various questions about the money they spend.

University IT is having problems because of successful phishing scams. She reminds us to talk to our new employees about these sorts of problems. If you do receive phishing emails it is a good policy to forward them to abuse.uark.edu and then delete the message.

Beth reminded everyone about the Knovel changes and asked anyone to report any problems. There are also some problems with Science Direct. A ticket is open about permissions not working off-campus.

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