

Update on the USF Libraries' Budget Realignment

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Topics

- Takeaways (3)
- Review timeline
- Review process
- Communications update
- CARES Act Proposal



Takeaways (3)

1. No one wants to do this. No one wants to do this the way that we are compelled to proceed.
 - At variance with our goals, ARL aspirations, and training (best practices).
 - Reverses 25-year trend of increased seamless access.
 - Inverts process of faculty input.
2. We will satisfy faculty information needs though the process may be delayed.
 - We have mitigation measures in place (e.g. expedited document delivery, more ILL capacity, concierge service)
 - **Cancellation** ≠ **no access**; but cancellation may delay access
3. We will make mistakes and we will remedy as many of those mistakes as possible during the March-May review.
 - Deadlines are too compressed; reduction target is unprecedented.

Timeline

1

**Now through
December**

Notify vendors/
publishers that USF will
be reviewing its current
collection selections and
will reacquire a subset.

2

**November through
January**

Conduct a title-by-title
analysis of our recurring
collection.

3

**January through
March**

Reacquire content
based on the analysis.
Enhanced ILL/
Document Delivery
launched to bridge
gaps.

4

March through May

Review and consider
next steps on canceled
content.

Review Process

Part of the original plan, the review process will:

- run late-March through May;
- focus on cancelled content only;
- incorporate departmental feedback on preferred reacquisition priorities; and
- budget permitting, “fix” inevitable errors.

Primary “Data” Points

1. Faculty input received during the analyses
2. Citations by USF faculty to the cancelled titles
3. Rankings within the discipline
4. Impact on society/ association (vs. commercial) publications

Communications Update

- Feb. 3: Multi-campus deans
- Feb. 5: Library Council
- Feb. 12: Strategic Planning Task Force
- Feb. 16: Faculty Q&A invitation
- Feb. 18: Provost Wilcox
- Feb. 18: Deans and Brian Ten Eyck
- Feb. 15-25: College deans (11)
- Feb. 23: Provost Wilcox
- Feb. 24: USF Libraries' faculty and staff
- Feb. 25: CAS leadership
- March 1: Chair of Dept. of Mathematics
- March 4: Faculty Q&A



Meeting



Email



Presentation



Discussion

COVID-19 Relief Proposal

- One-time funds: \$4,009,758
- First-year ROI = \$1,315,473 + annual recurring ROI = \$132,045
- Focus: perpetual access (ownership) of digital content
- Impacts: 1) enhances research infrastructure, 2) supports student and faculty success, and 3) strengthens Libraries' research collections.
- Practical considerations: 1) reduces future recurring expenditures, 2) increases research productivity, 3) increases in value over time, 4) hedges against COOP-events, and 5) minimizes impact of future budget fluctuations

For more information concerning the “Revisioning Collection Management” process, including access to data, collection analyses, FAQs, and guides to accessing materials through alternative sources, please visit:

<https://lib.usf.edu/collections-and-discovery/revisioning/>