Update on the USF Libraries’ Budget Realignment

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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

https://lib.usf.edu/collections-and-discovery/communications/
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/