

Unit Library Review Recommendations

Recommendations Included:

Engineering Library: The Task Force recommended significantly enhancing the electronic collection, providing effective study space and computer access, and expanding the role of librarians. Collections will be moved to other libraries on central campus or to the Annex. An advisory committee co-chaired by Prof. Mark Turnquist & Engineering Librarian Steven Rockey will help guide the transition process.

Entomology Library: Collections and services will be consolidated into Mann Library in 1-2 yrs. and online access will be enhanced. A transition task force was established (co-chairs: Prof. Bryan Danforth & Collection Development Librarian Martin Schlabach) and they will develop plans for relocating the volumes and digitizing key portions of the collection.

ILR/Hotel/Management libraries: Combined review of three libraries resulted in several recommendations related to enhancing service excellence, including sharing staff expertise and enhancing electronic access. The respective deans and the University Librarian built on the Advisory Committee's report and recommended merging the physical collections of the three libraries in ILR but retaining study space and library subject experts in each location, appointing a single director for all three units, and developing cross-functional teams. A committee of students and faculty from the three schools will provide guidance during the transition.

Veterinary Library: Funding reduced for collections, staffing, & operations because of budgetary pressures in the Veterinary College. Will begin a digitization project to improve electronic access to materials. Advisory Committee recommendations reaffirmed the importance of the Veterinary Library to the success of the program and the Library will remain a vital physical destination.

Fine Arts Library (FAL): As a result of asbestos removal in Rand, AAP faculty moved into newly-constructed temporary offices in the dome area of the FAL while permanent offices are constructed on the 3rd floor of Sibley. To accommodate these offices, 78,000 FAL volumes were moved to the Annex this summer using guidelines established by the faculty. Dean Kleinman met with faculty in the spring regarding Milstein and Rand/Sibley renovations. Because of the lack of environmental controls in Sibley, there was unanimous support for moving the FAL to Rand in three years. Co-Chairs Prof. Lily Chi and Music Librarian Bonna Boettcher will work with a faculty/librarian committee to develop a plan for the Library when it moves to Rand Hall.

Unit Library Review Process Initiated as part of Strategic Planning

