

## **Library Senate Committee - Annual Report 2011-12**

The Library Senate Committee met for the first time this year on March 2, 2012. The updates for the NDSU Libraries include:

- The Library continues to be short staffed, but heavily used
  - Currently have several positions open
    - Positions are not attractive to applicant pools
      - Insufficient salary lines,
      - No book budget
      - Condition of Main Library is in poor shape
- Request for additional student library fees of \$1/per credit was denied
  - Had an increase 2 years ago, so not a good time to request additional fees
- Materials budget is in a deficit by approximately \$200,000
- Library has been working on ways to reduce costs
  - Library hours have been cut
  - Chemistry Library is closed, using card access only
  - Reduction of Student workers
  - Several positions remain unfilled
- A Gap Analysis was conducted to compare peer institutions and their resources
  - Results show NDSU's library seriously lacking in funding for online databases
  - Dean reports they have done everything to avoid cutting online databases
    - Annual subscription cost runs from \$500,000 down to \$13,000
    - Lack of funds will result in College databases cut
      - Looking at cutting 20%
    - Usage of databases may determine which ones are cut
    - Do not want to target any college
- Dean is asking for faculty/staff consideration when determining cuts
  - Please be an advocate for the Library
  - Need your support
  - They have nothing more to cut
- Positive updates:
  - New Graduate Learning Center
  - Coffee House
    - Both funded through Student Government

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