

Media Services & Library Policy Committee
Report to the Senate
May, 2007

Action Taken Since May, 2006

Modification of the Media Services and Library Policy Committee By-Laws to take into account the new School of Visual and Performing Arts.

A re-stipulation of the library's Acquisition and Allocations Policy, with a particular focus on priorities. The library's acquisitions department orders books based on the priorities indicated by the academic department which sends the request. The requests must proceed through the academic department's designated liaison to the library.

The priorities indicated should be:

Priority 1: Titles you need for courses you will teach the following semester;

Priority 2: Titles that WCSU should have even if other CSU libraries own a copy;

Priority 3: Titles that WCSU should have.

Business Currently Before the Committee

The impact of extended library hours during study and exam periods. The problem is that the library is kept open to accommodate the extended hours of the Computer Lab ("Cyber Café"). The use of the library itself during these hours is negligible, even though in the past there has been demand by a few students for extended hours. It would be far more cost-effective to isolate the computer lab from the rest of the library during these extended hours so that the library can be closed at its usual time, yet not unduly inconvenience our students. Subject to further discussion.

The question of off-campus access to the library's subscription databases by persons who are not current students, faculty, or staff comes up from time-to-time, especially from alumni. Our licensing agreements with the vendors of these databases preclude such access. If such access were to be provided, there would be additional subscription costs which cannot be absorbed by the library without negatively impacting the services and access provided to our current students. Alumni and other persons who are not current students, faculty, or staff, have equal access to these databases if they come to the library. Clarification.