

Health Sciences Library Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Agenda:

Introductions

Review: HSL Library Advisory Council purpose
Council webpage

Update on the campus libraries budget and outlook for next
year – what is known to date

Communications:

How do you like for the library to communicate with you about
new products and services?

We use: Web site, digital signage, social media, e-mails
and newsletter items

We will view some of our digital messages at the meeting.

Next Meeting:

Best month(s)

Topic: I suggest Open Access.

What aspects of open access interest you most?

What alternative topic would you like to explore?

Please e-mail your preferences for meeting date selection, to
Gayle Mooney (mooneyg@missouri.edu).

Budget Update – April 26, 2016

The Libraries on campus, like all other units, is budgeting for a 5% budget reduction for FY 2017, along with ending one-time funding for collections and staffing. The impact:

- The campus hiring freeze will result in a general reduction in libraries staff. At HSL, one Librarian is retiring. Her duties will be absorbed by other staff in HSL administration, HSL Information services, HSL technical services, and the ACTS division at Ellis Library. Travel and supplies will be greatly reduced. Overnight hours at Ellis Library will end.
- \$1.2 million reduction in total collections for the libraries on campus, caused by one-time funds ending plus the cuts. We are currently renegotiating our journal purchasing agreements with Elsevier and Wiley, our two largest journal vendors, unbundling titles and eliminating titles that are low use. Think of this as trying to purchase only the cable TV channels you actually view. We are looking at cutting low-use journal titles and databases. We are taking a serious look at high inflators. Our usage statistics are not error-free, and we hope that user input will help us retain used items.
- Every effort will be made to protect highly-used materials that are needed for teaching, research, and patient care.
- Library information resources are funded from central funding, gifts, and collaborative efforts, such as MERLIN, as well as funding that some schools provide to assist with high-cost items. We are looking at using gift funds for journals and continuations to prevent cuts. We hope to have a cut list out for review by fall, 2016.