Report on Library matters

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1) Budget:

I am glad to report that departments in the faculty responded well to last year's call to spend as much of their budgets as possible. In some cases they overspent a bit but that is good because it reduces the chances of reducing their budgets. The deficits were recovered from the library's Reserve fund. Because the budgets were so well spent, all departments got at least the same funds for 2014 as for 2013. Some departments even got a bit more, such as African Languages – from R 16 000 in 2013 up to R 32 000 for 2014; Communication Pathology (Speech & Lang) from R 48 000 up to R 68 000.

Should some departments feel that they should have got more than last year, there is no real reason for concern. Should they run out of funds they will be supported from the Reserve fund on a basis of 'first come first serve'.

The different FRT's in the Faculty will also be supported from the Reserve fund.

2) UPSpace:

UPSpace has been created for the Capital City project which means that all articles coming from this project will be placed on UPSpace provided that the Information Specialist be informed accordingly. This will also be done for the other projects in the faculty. Marieta Buys will contact each of the Project leaders/directors in this regard.

3) Meeting with post graduates:

Marieta Buys requested that departments inform her when they meet with their post graduate students at the beginning of the year. The idea is to give students some guidance as postgrads experience some general problems that the Information Specialists would like to address at these meetings. So, the idea is that departments should inform Marieta Buys of their meetings and they (library) will then make the necessary arrangements.

4) Book purchases:

Just for notification: The library is in the process of developing an electronic page which will enable academic staff to order their books on an individual basis. The development is in an advanced stage and will be implemented within a few months from now. On the same (single) electronic page, a lecturer will indicate the purpose of the purchase – will it be for research, or a prescribed book, etc. The page also provides for requesting release of copy right by the mere press of a button. On this page the lecturer will also be enabled to get access to all sources available in his/her particular field of study/interest. From this data a wish list can be compiled which will be sent to the Information specialist who will do a final check before sending it to the order section. Training sessions will be provided once the system is running well.