



Re: Director's report 9/10/09 (fwd)

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Cc: robert.shrock

Dear Members of the Senate Library Services Committee and Observers,

For our meeting tomorrow, the Dean and Director of Libraries, Chris Filstrup, has kindly submitted his status report via email to me a few minutes ago. Since we will be busy for much of the meeting tomorrow with the Provost's address to our committee, I am forwarding the email to you immediately. We will briefly review it in the meeting.

Best,

Bob

From Chris Filstrup:

> This is an update on library activities over the summer.
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> 1. We brought up a new version of the online cataloging system, the first
> in the nation to do this.
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> 2. The SUNY negotiating team of which I am the chair met several times
> with Elsevier. We are close to an agreement. The key components are: 1)
> a five year inflation sequence of 2-4-5-5-5%; Elsevier's initial offer was
> the same as the current license -- 5% per year for five years; each
> percentage point is worth about \$70K to the SUNY system. 2) SUNY Central
> is contributing \$930K/year to the license; this should be sufficient to
> keep all 59 campuses in the new license. How this subvention is
> distributed among the individual campuses and will it reduce our
> significant increase (c. \$440K/yr) is the next negotiation.
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> 3. As part of an overall strategy to move technical services such as
> cataloging from the smaller, two-year campuses to the Center libraries, the
> library has signed a contract with Fulton Montgomery County Community
> College to catalog their materials for them. This work will be done on a
> server which hosts FMCCC's catalog. Binghamton and Buffalo have similar
> arrangements with smaller SUNY libraries.
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> 4. Technology Learning Teaching (TLT) invested about \$100K in high tech
> collaborative furniture and equipment at the north end of the second floor
> of the Science and Engineering Library. It's a pilot to assist group
> learning.
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> 5. Janet Clarke is leading a multi-university effort to design a library
> for the proposed SBU campus in Korea.
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> 6. The new library at Southampton, though lacking some furniture and
> equipment, opened on schedule. As soon as we make some hires, it will be
> open almost as many hours as the main library. We received a gift of
> \$100K for collections there, and we expect another \$200-300K to accept and

> catalog a large library that used to belong to the poet H.D. (Hilda
> Doolittle).
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> 7. The BNL library consolidation is on hold until BNL restarts the
> initiative. The recent influx of federal funding seems to have tempered
> their interest. BNL scientists will be added to SBU personnel rolls on a
> person-by-person basis, not en masse. The numbers will be few enough that
> they will not affect our electronic content licenses.
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