The Library Committee’s primary goal for this academic year was to work closely with Dean Stachacz to evaluate the current state of the library and plan for the future. We have actually accomplished more than we thought we would.

During the summer of 2008 several policy and service upgrades occurred including full automation of check out procedures, and the entry of new students into Banner thereby reducing need to add each student manually, allowing self-renewal of checked out materials utilizing WIN # and password of Farley, the elimination of limitations on checkouts for faculty. In addition, many changes were made to the library website to heighten the ability of faculty to find the following links under the hot link Info for faculty: 1. Book Order Form, 2. Instruction Request Form, 3. Interlibrary Loan, article, 4. Interlibrary Loan Book. Collection was shifted. More communications with Pharmacy Information Center which has helped balance workload and reduce ILL costs between the two libraries. A reclassification of the open staff positions in the library so that new hires better fit the evolving needs of the library.

In order to improve the journal holdings of the library, the library acquired JSTOR’s Arts and Humanities collection 1-4 and the compliment adding 600 titles to our Periodicals.

The library was granted an ex-officio seat on the Curriculum Committee.

Dean Stachacz and President Gilmore have met with the Alden Trust regarding the grant money for building a Learning Commons in the basement of the library. The proposal is in the President’s hands now, and will be submitted possibly next week.

The library requested and received a gift of $25,800 from student government to support the building of a commons.

In response to inadequate staffing, four support staff positions were filled. A new librarian was hired, but has just informed us that she is not coming. We hope the search will be reopened as soon as possible.

In the interest of evaluation, the first comprehensive library study was conducted on campus using LibQual. Results are in, and Dean Stachacz is in the process of analyzing them for his report.

The library has written new Mission and Vision Statements.

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