PSU Libraries Achievements Report 2011/May 2012 (Concise Copy)

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[1] Development of Information Resources

1. Monographs (incl. Books & Pamphlets, E-Books, References, AVs, Co-op reports)
   CL (19524 T in 29561 C) and CFWL (13553 T in 27269 C). Total 33077 T in 56830 C. Increase 4764 T in 9669 C. NCAAA requirement= 10 T per student; Available =12+ T (21+ C) per student.
2. References:  CL (1144 T in 3249 C) and CFWL (1448 T in 3806 C). Total 2592 T in 7055 C. Increase 479 T in 1580 C. NCAAA requirement= Availability of Varying reference works of not less than 5% of monographic collection; Available = All reference types forming 7.84 % of the monographic collection.
3. Current Print Journals:  CL 76 and CFWL 60. Total 136. Increase; 30. NCAAA requirement= 5 Journals per academic program (AP); Available =9+ journals per AP.
4. E-Journals: 7.1) Full text journals covered in our subscription databases 6880; increase 380. Print and full-text E-Journals accessible per academic program=467+
4.2) Free & Open Access journals: 2582 Total journals. Print, full-text e-journals & Free and Open access journals per academic program= 639+

   Average of Subscription databases per academic program=0.6
   Average of Subscription and free & open access databases and search engines, per AP=2.4+

[2] Organization of Information Resources

1. Cataloguing, classification and item building: 33077 T in 56830 C; increase 4764 T in 9669 C;
   NCAAA requirement: cataloguing and classification of information resources according to latest cataloguing and classification, systems and standards; Organization of IRs at PSU Libraries: IRs are catalogued, Cuttered , indexed and classified according to latest International tools and standards, using MARCF 21.
2. Indexing (Recently initiated): 6229 Indexed Books
   Indexing and addition of significant topical components from book contents recently launched reflect PSU Library concern with content-enriched access to enhance usage and discovery. Content-enriched metadata in bibliographic records are considered helpful to library users in identifying and selecting library materials for their needs. In a traditional sense, the title and subject are the two basic elements that users consult to learn the content of a bibliographic item. Content-enriched data go beyond the title and subject of a bibliographic resource to include content-enriched components; users would benefit from content-enriched data.
   Library users today-influenced by internet search engines, and seamless access to full-text resources-are more than ever demanding enhanced content and functionality in library catalogs to assist their discovery of relevant search results and resources.
Bibliographic records provided with essential content-enhanced descriptive data “can serve to increase the descriptive quality of the bibliographic record”. Content-enriched metadata contains many searchable subject-related unique terms that enhance retrieval of relevant titles. The presence of content-enriched data in bibliographic records helps users determine the relevance of an item to their needs without their physically having to come to the library and examine the item itself.

Content-enriched metadata overall contribute to higher circulation. Content-enriched data also play an important role in OPAC discovery.

OPAC display of content-enriched data is highly desirable.


NCAA requirement: offering various information services to users. Information Services at PSU libraries they offer all information services to PSU users, and local community.


NCAA requirement = Availability of binding and restoration services. Binding & restoration at PSU Libraries: PSU libraries have a contract with a local bindery to undertake binding and restoration work.


NCAA requirement= Availability of one (1) library staff per 200 students; 30% at least should be LIS specialists. PSU Library staff: PSU library staff =14 (1/185 students), 71 % of them are LIS specialists.

Professional Development Activities of PSU Library Staff: Total activities 48; increase 26

[6] Library Computerization (Automation): PSU Libraries have been using Symphony since 2009-

NCAA requirement= Using a library computerized information system. Computerization at PSU Libraries: They use Symphony various programs for bibliographic search, acquisitions, periodical subscriptions, cataloguing, classification, indexing, and item building, information services, database statistical reports …

[7] Users Terminals: 7.1) Internet Search Terminals: CL 22+ 2 on order and CFWL 23; Total 47. Increase 2

NCAA requirement= Availability of 20 terminals at least. Internet terminals at PSU Libraries: 47 terminals. 7.2) OPAC Search terminals: CL 6+ 1 on order and CFWL 5; total 12. Increase 1

NCAA Requirement: Availability of (1/500) 1 terminal per 500 student (Minimum 5 terminals). OPAC terminals at PSU Libraries: 11 terminals (1/244), + 1 on order. (1/224)

[8] Library Building & Furniture: PSU Library buildings conditioned, furnished and provided with seating, reading, research, shelving and staff work offices facilities.

NCAA requirement: Library buildings should be conditioned, furnished, providing space for seating, reading, research, shelving & staff work offices. PSU Library buildings: They provide above NCAAA required facilities.
Communicating with users: The following links have been established (a) centrallibrary@twitter.com
(b) On the Facebook: prince sultan university/central library and (c) On Google+: prince sultan university/central library (http://plus.google.com/u/0/#11547434791984031/posts)

Follow up of the Recommendations of the International Review Panel, and of Saudi MHE NCAAA

- 1st Recommendation: further development of information resources to satisfy users’ needs in the various academic programs: Considerations (a) Taking into account recently added academic programs at the College of Engineering, and CCIS (b) Book purchasing requests, and journal subscriptions to be administratively processed fast, since purchasing requests stay at the office of VRAA&R 2-5+ months (c) Allocation of + adequate budget needed to acquire IRs needed for new APs, as well as older APs (d) Development of rich up-to-date collections of IRs in the fields covered by PSU APs, as instructed by the Head of PSU Board of Trustees.

- 2nd Recommendation: Subscribing to the services of local networks (SDL Network): Considerations (a) Allocating budget required to Subscribing to SDL Network Services (b) Coping with the shift taking place towards heavier use of e-resources.

- 3rd Recommendation: Benchmarking: Considerations (a) Benchmarking studies to be carried out (yearly or every 2 years) (b) Translate results revealed by benchmarking studies into action, especially in relation to the following to cope with comparable universities in USA, China, Korea, Japan, Jordan: (1) Enrichment of library holdings of print IRs (2) Subscribing to more journals (3) Offering access to on-line e-books (4) Subscribing to SDL e-databases (5) Recruitment of needed qualified experienced staff (6) Consideration of the full academic status of the university librarian (7) Having sufficient library space for users, holdings, terminals, library technologies, services…

Towards Establishment of LAN for discs: There have been Contacts and coordination with the Director of PSU CC to have a disc box to host compact discs and DVDs and establish an adequate LAN for the discs to promote their use.

Updating Library Website Data: We have updated CL Website data, especially in relation to Holdings Data, and Digital Library Data., vision, mission, objectives…statements.

Visitors of the Library Website: 18291 visitors; increase 901

Channeling PSU APs information to the Library: Dean and heads of departments have been contacted to provide the Library with latest information on courses offered in APs; and urged to provide topical descriptors reflecting subject coverage of those courses, to guide Information Resources Management & Development library staff in the selection and evaluation of IRs needed to satisfy users information needs in the various APs.

Maintenance of Symphony, and RFID Security system: AAS Maintenance work according to the Contact with them was scheduled from Jan.2010 to Jan.2011; but AAs engineers continued offering maintenance services afterwards, due to the friendly relations of PSU Central Library Director with AAS managers and engineers.

Appreciation of the efforts of the Director of PSU Central Library: The Director of PSU Central Library, Symphony project manager, has been awarded Trophy of Excellence at the beginning of this
academic year for efficient management of Symphony and RFID security system operation; he has also received a letter of appreciation on 2nd June 2012 from the Director of Arabic Union Catalog Center for contributions to the success of AUC, and a letter of appreciation for the “‘quite resourceful and attractive library website” from the Librarian of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology in Islamabad, Pakistan on June 7, 2012.