

LIBRARY BUDGET. The Library's FY10 budget request of 9% total (8 % for inflation and 1% for research needs) was presented 10/29/09. On 10/30 President Bacow announced budget priorities in response to the "economic situation". The library submitted savings for FY09 and was asked to reduce the budget by 5% for non-materials budget areas only. Informal conversations have mentioned the possibility of a 5% increase which will not meet inflation or increase purchasing power but is definitely better than 0!

LIBRARY SPACE. The plan and budget have been prepared to add 13,000 linear feet of compact shelving to complete the shelving of bound serial volumes on level G, relocate Digital Collections and Archives from its current level G location into the tower area and to move ITS out of Tisch Library. Since the November Trustees meeting focused solely on the economy, the plan and budget have not been approved by the Trustees yet. The construction has been postponed until summer 2009 when it is expected that all shelves will be totally full.

LEARNING COMMONS. Leah McIntosh, Brigette Bryant (Senior A & S Development) and Jo-Ann are drafting a fundraising brochure to be used by A & S fundraisers contacting prospects for the Learning Commons. It will make the general case why a Learning Commons is needed. The Learning Commons plan includes renovating the library's entrance floor to support an interactive learning environment that integrates faculty and students with expert staff supporting library and technology. Advancement is optimistic that fundraising will be completed in FY10 with construction in FY11.

STRATEGIC PLAN. The library's strategic plan was completed last year. This spring, 50 faculty in AS&E are being interviewed by Laura Walters with other partners (AT, ITS and DCA) on research and teaching needs. The data from the interviews will inform the Learning Commons and Virtual Research Commons plans.

DIGITIZATION. In FY09, Tisch Library will complete its 2 year \$70,000 commitment to support the Boston Library Consortium's Open Content Alliance by digitizing 2 Tisch Library journals. In November, the Sloan Foundation held a summit on the impact of massive digitization projects, some of which threaten to restrict openly accessible information. The Boston Library Consortium has been very concerned about this issue and has chosen to align with OCA which poses no restrictions to access (Google will charge subscription fees for access). Tisch Library has made a 5 year commitment of \$5000/year. The University Library Council will meet with the Provost to discuss next steps for Tufts University.

ROOFTOP GARDEN. The target completion date of late December 2008 was not met and a partial dedication has been scheduled for late April.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT to replace Blackboard Basic has a core strategy team, which has a library representative, Chris Strauber, to work with faculty, students, and staff across the Medford campus this academic year to access requirements, identify appropriate new LMS platform and recommend a support and service model to meet the diverse set of community LMS needs. Chris will attend the Library and IT Committee meeting 2/11 to make a report.