



Communications / Library & Information Science Services Team: Interim Report

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COMMLISS: What we're doing

- Identify how and where to most effectively provide Library services to all disciplines and communities engaged in the fields of Library & Information Science and Communication Studies
- Develop a service profile (or profiles) attuned to the evolving research and teaching needs in each of these fields



COMMLISS: Members

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COMMLISS: Considerations

- Shifting demographics of the academic programs
- The interdisciplinary nature of the fields
- The limitations of the available library spaces
- Available assessment data
- Present and future needs, based on surveys, focus groups



COMMLISS:

Data – Comm & LIS

	LIS	COMM
Users	Library; GSLIS Also: Computer Sci; Linguistics & Language; History; more... Many remote users (LEEP)	Media; Dept Comm Also: some GSLIS; Business/Marketing; Political Science; History; Graphic Arts; Agricultural Comm Large Undergrad
Usage	Very low foot traffic	Dramatic increase
Staffing	Decreased	Understaffed
Hours	Reduced due to staff cuts	Inadequate
BI	Steady and heavy	Large increase in demand



COMMLISS:

Data - Communications

- Input from Communications Primary User Groups via Focus Group
 - Are seeing increased undergrad enrollment
 - Library is strong partner for building research competencies
 - Increased need for library instruction and assistance
 - Library as meeting/working place is important
 - Need longer hours, especially in summer



COMMLISS: Data - LIS

- Input from LIS Primary User Groups via Survey, Stuff Session, Faculty meeting
 - GSLIS use virtual library >> than physical (especially LEEP students)
 - University Library: use virtual about the same as physical, but overall use is less than GSLIS
 - Students value LIS dbs;
Faculty most often mention the Virtual New Books
 - All value the LIS web as an information hub
 - Recommend: more instructional services; more digital content; serve coffee; have brown bags



COMMLISS: LIS Library Recommendations

- Close LIS Library
- Distribute collection to dept libraries
- Maintain LIS budget
- Reserves to Central Circulation
- Reference to Reference Room
- Unbound serials to Main Stacks? ESSL?
- "Cataloging Table" to GSLIS
- Full time librarian & staff member
- Presence in GSLIS & Main Library
- Create LIS-focused "Easy Search"
- Robust Web portal
- Improve "New Titles @ UIUC Library" to search by fund
- Enhance off-campus services



COMMLISS: Communications Library Recommendations

- Move Speech Communication collection and responsibilities from ESSL to Communications Library
- Provide adequate personnel for Communications Library to stay open more, especially in summer and weekends
- Keep Cinema Studies in English Library, for now



COMMLISS: What's Next?

- The Interim report has been delivered to Paula & EC for consideration
- In the meantime, COMMLISS is working on an Implementation Report
 - Timeline
 - Will extra help be required for transfers from LIS?
 - Where to locate LIS unbound serials?
 - Does Dept Communication support consolidation of Speech Comm materials?
 - Many more details!