

EGSAC Meeting Minutes

3.2.09

Lindgren Library

1. Budget

- MIT has to cut the budget by \$150 million over the next three years.
- Plan is to cut \$50 million per year starting July 1. The libraries are funded from the sources being cut.
- Overall MIT will be cutting budget by 5% - EAPS will cut budget by 6%.
- The current Lindgren Library budget is: \$1.5 million. 40% Collections - 55% Staff - 5% Operations.
- Overall the campus libraries are being downsized by 18-20% (from \$22-23 to \$18 million).
- The closing of each library branch will save \$100,000/year.

2. Materials

- The current materials will be merged into the Hayden library and some sent to storage.
- Items moved into Hayden will be placed by call number - there will be no designated EAPS section.
- Overall movement to online subscriptions of journals - this saves about 5% (over having both print and online).
- Future cuts will be expected for materials. Previously there has been list of possible items to cut circulated and feedback has been taken. This will probably occur again - although the magnitude will be much larger. There is currently talk with Harvard (which is also making budget cuts to their library) to try alleviate this problem.

3. Staff

- The Lindgren staff still have jobs - although some staff layoffs have occurred.

4. Repurposing the Space

- Currently it has not been decided as to what will happen to the Lindgren Library space. This will be discussed with M. Zuber and the Provost Space Planning Committee.
- The funding for remodeling the space comes from different funding sources and can not be used for operational costs.
- Some suggestions for future space purpose: study spaces, group work areas.

5. Other

- One other library is being closed.
- An option to keep the materials in Lindgren and having a "honor system" for checking out is not likely. The resources are used by other departments and this would limit their access.
- The timeline for this has not yet been determined. Most likely the transition will occur during the summer.
- This is disintegration of the Lindgren library is most likely a permanent decision - although who knows about the future (this has happened in the past). Overall, there is a downsizing of libraries with the increased availability of online resources.
- The department would like to be included in future talks - rather than just given final decisions.
- Books placed on reserve for classes will not be allowed to stay in 54. The students will have to go to Hayden to use them.

6. Steve Gass suggested that EAPS lays out the most critical issues and what they hope to see in the transition of the library's resources in an email to A. Wolpert (awolpert@mit.edu) and to cc him (sgass@mit.edu).

Graduate Committee

1. Einat Lev will be attending as the representative.
2. Course Schedule - have classes listed earlier and make sure core classes are offered every year.
3. Course Schedule - recommended list of core classes should be made for each program.
4. Course Schedule - make more non-seminar classes available.
5. General Exams - Discuss any current and/or future problems.
6. Students do not like the idea of department wide classes.
7. Remind faculty of the institute-wide rules.

Election Schedule

1. Elections will be held next EGSAC meeting (in April)
2. An email will be sent out regarding the available positions.

Minutes taken by Diane Ivy (divy@mit.edu)