

University Senate Library Liaison Committee Annual Report for Academic Year 2013-14

During the AY 2013/2014, the Library Liaison Committee has looked at problems related to the implementation of last year's resolution (that books of long-lasting interest, presenting definitive accounts, should be acquired in paper format rather than exclusively in electronic format). This resolution puts a very heavy burden on acquisition librarians, and we have come to the conclusion that faculty must become more active in communicating their preference for a certain format of a book if that resolution is to be put into action in a broad manner. Another item that has been considered by the Committee is the fact that many serials that have not been digitalized, have been moved to the high density collection, making larger research projects or even browsing to find out articles of interest impossible. For many of those periodicals there are no lists of contents available, making research difficult, cumbersome and excessively time-consuming for materials that are in high-density storage. The Committee has decided to continue its work, and to plan to collect data of a more qualitative nature on the way library patrons use book-length items available electronically.

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