

University Library Committee Report: 2002-2003

The University Library Committee held five meetings between October and June of this academic year. Among the notable developments and topics were:

- Approval of proposal to merge the Orbis system with the Washington state universities consortium, Cascade
- Initiation of a one-year trial period for two-day loans of bound journals to faculty and graduate students
- Ongoing discussion of budgetary issues, including monograph purchases and the serials review that took place this spring
- Discussion of plans for a shared storage facility
- Reports on the impact of the serials vendor Rowcom/Faxon's financial collapse
- Library fundraising campaign priorities
- Knight Library's experiment with round-the-clock opening during spring term Dead Week and Finals Week
- Distribution of the Modern Languages Association's "MLA Report on the future of Scholarly Publishing" to interested parties on campus
- Discussion of the impact of the "USA Patriot Act" and related legislation on library policies and practices

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