

University Library Committee 1995-1996

Memo from Bart Alexander 27 Oct 95

The following e-mail message was sent by Bart Alexander to the Provost and deals with the proposed serials cancellation.

As a student representative on the Library Committee I would be against the cutting of staff at the Library to solve the problem as suggested by Joe St Sauver. This wouldn't even solve the problem, which is the increasing cost in the serials (aka continuing commitments). The only way I see to deal with this problem is decreasing costs in the continuing commitments area, or be willing to have a smaller discretionary budget for new books.

The best option would for the library to cut the subscriptions to the most costly and inflationary journals, and have the library's budget increased, but I don't see half a million dollars falling from the sky soon.

Of course I don't want these cuts to be made, because it is clear that they impact the university, but the alternative is cuts in other areas of the Library which personally scare me more than the journal cuts, especially since it is the increase in the continuing commitments line-item that is increasing too quickly.

Thanks for your time,

Bart Alexander