Planning for Certain Future Cuts when the Future is Uncertain

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- Carnegie Classification Doctoral Intensive Univ. I
- FTE is 18,500
- Collection
 - 2.8 million items (books, gov docs & microforms)
 - 42,666 electronic journals
 - 250+ electronic databases



Background

2009-2010 Cuts

- \$300,000 for books
- \$240,000 for Journals
- \$130,000 for databases

TOTAL - \$670,000



Background

2011-2012 Cuts

- \$296,000 for Books
- \$260,000 for Journals
- \$232,000 for Databases
- \$268,500 Other

TOTAL \$1,056,500



Background

- 2012-2013
 - Flat budget paid inflation with One Time Money

- 2013-2014
 - Flat budget = 4 to 5% cut Gave up 4 open positions



Planning for 2014/15

- Announced in September
 - UNC Greensboro will receive a 12.5 million dollar cut in the institutional budget



Collection Management Team timeline

- October met to discuss cuts
- November create 15, 20 and 25% cut scenarios
- December break out into small groups to create the scenarios
 - Books, Databases, and Journals
- January present scenarios to the subject liaisons
- February get feedback from liaisons
- March send information out to the campus
- May 16th deadline for input from faculty departments
- July 1st start implementing the cuts



October meeting

 Decide what percentage to cut the major areas of the collections budget:

Allocations the Committ	ee determined for t			
		15%	20%	25%
Books	\$ 693,340.00	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 205,333.33	\$ 256,666.67
Serials	\$ 1,723,597.00	\$ 173,886.00	\$ 231,848.00	\$ 289,810.00
DBs	\$ 869,204.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 213,333.33	\$ 266,666.67
Other	\$ 133,099.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 41,666.67
	\$ 3,419,240.00	\$ 512,886.15	\$ 683,848.20	\$ 854,810.25
Percentage that each gro	up was cut by			
	15.00%	20.00%	25.00%))
Books	22.21%	29.62%	37.02%	
Serials	10.09%	13.45%	16.81%	
DBs	18.41%	24.54%	30.68%	
Other	18.78%	25.04%	25.04% 31.31	



Between October and November

- Pulled Cost for Journals
- Pulled COUNTER JR1 Stats for 2011, 2012 for all journals costing \$100 or more.
- Pulled Database stats from our A to Z database
- Pull print journal/continuations usage statistics



Journals Group

It was determined that of all the cuts for Serials, we wanted to take them most of them from Print only, Newspapers and Continuations From the chart below you can see what percentage of cuts we took for each type of Serial Category

	Cost	% cut at 15%	15%	20%	25%
Online plus P+E	\$240,280.23	33.4%	\$80,194.00	\$96,500.00	\$96,500.00
Print only	\$46,249.30	64.9%	\$30,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00
Newspapers	\$6,820.12	60.0%	\$4,092.07	\$4,092.07	\$4,092.07
Continuations	\$67,128.50	56.6%	\$38,000.00	\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00
Memberships	\$29,225.00	29.4%	\$8,600.00	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00
Microfilm	\$22,893.49	43.7%	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Big Deals	\$1,306,908.00	0.2%	\$3,000.00	\$23,000.00	80,967.93
TOTAL	\$1,719,504.64	10.1%	\$173,886.07	\$231,842.07	\$289,810.00

Note the 15% cuts to the collections result in 10.1% cuts to serials.

Other areas are cut deeper.



Database Group

Identified resources with high costs per use Identified resources that was duplicated (example had all three big aggregators, we cut two of them)

Identify resources that were the only database the department had (example MathSciNet)



Book Group

- Cut the approval plan
- Setup DDA
- All subject areas took cuts for firm orders



Presented Plan to Subject Liaisons

- Meeting on January 17th
 - Outcome of the meeting
 Cut 40K more out of Books and Serials
 Put 40K back into databases
- Groups met again to adjust and work with the new figures.



Adjusted Plan

- Journals
 - Cut 3K more of Print
 - Cut extra \$10,989 in Continuations
 - Cut 6376.25 in Microfilm
- Databases went back to the list and looked at statistics and other factors
- Books cut Approval plan again by 20K



February

- Feedback from Subject Liaisons
 - Talked with their departments
 - Created list of things that we are keeping
 - Created the budget page for faculty to refer to



March

- Finally got the budget news for 14/15
 - Library only has to take 9% cut or 362K
 - Readjusted the plans again
 - Sent <u>Budget website</u> out to faculty to receive feedback
 - Site can be found at http://library.uncg.edu/info/budget/



Future

- Pull usage statistics for 2013 and 2014 and add to these spreadsheets to prepare for another 7% cut for 15/16
- Push for small publishers to provide usage statistics



Thank you

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