

Priority of Excellence

3/ Research, Scholarship, Innovation, & Creativity

Goal 1: Align collections and services with UM's areas of emphasis, such as STEM, nationally recognized programs, and interdisciplinary needs

Measure of Success: The percentage of the purchased collection that is used increases over time

Action/Initiative: Use an evidence-based approach to continuously align the materials budget fund allocations with academic programs (institutional data), faculty research, use and on-demand needs using a standard method or formula.

Action/Initiative: Explore and expand cooperative arrangements with regional and peer institutions for the acquisition and delivery of content.

Action/Initiative: Incorporate the allocation for patron-initiated purchasing within state materials budget.

Alignment with Objectives: Increase individual and collaborative research, scholarship and innovation; Enhance the University's capacity for research and scholarship; Engage in a disciplined investment strategy supporting research and scholarship

Alignment with Planning Principles: Quality & Focus, Beyond Borders, Blue Sky

Goal 2: Increase the visibility, use, and quality of library resources and services in support of teaching, research, and creative activities

Measure of Success: Increased access to and use of resources

Measure of Success: Improved user assessment ratings among students and faculty

Action/Initiative: Enhance existing and implement new technologies to improve the discoverability of the Libraries' resources, university research and cross-data sharing services.

Action/Initiative: Develop and enhance outreach activities that promote knowledge of the Libraries' resources to users.

Action/Initiative: Identify and fund research materials based on demonstrated need.

Action/Initiative: Improve physical, electronic and bibliographic access to "hidden" (unprocessed) collections throughout the Libraries.

Action/Initiative: Improve retrieval services for users through enhanced stacks management procedures.

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Goal 3: Provide and preserve distinctive resources for scholarship

Measure of Success: High density storage facility completed

Measure of Success: Meet peer institution contributions of research and digital collections

Action/Initiative: Develop a scholarly communication program to build awareness of copyright, open access initiatives, and issues related to acquiring and preserving the digital record.

Action/Initiative: Construct a facility that includes high-density storage for library collections and office, public, and exhibit space for Archives & Special Collections. The facility must meet archival standards, include a library preservation lab and provide growth for future acquisitions.

Action/Initiative: Develop an electronic records management program to meet the needs of collecting unique born-digital materials.

Action/Initiative: Develop appropriate print and digital preservation strategies.

Action/Initiative: Continue contributions to local, regional and national digital collections and repositories.

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Alignment with Planning Principles: Quality & Focus, Organizational Stewardship & Sustainability, Beyond Borders, Blue Sky,

Goal 4: Increase funding for research collections and associated technologies

Measure of Success: Receipt of increased funding from outside the Library for collections and technology

Action/Initiative: Request that university administration provide new, continuing library funds in support of new courses, degree programs, and faculty interests to ensure that the library is well-positioned to meet research needs. For example, coordinate with other schools to add a library resources component to all future endowed professorships and chairs.

Action/Initiative: Increase the number of competitive grants that the Library receives.

Action/Initiative: Establish an endowed professorship or chair for the Libraries.

Action/Initiative: Continue requesting course fees or increased tuition to help pay for research needs and infrastructure.

Action/Initiative: Augment financial resources devoted to information technologies through grants, partnerships, and cultivation of donors.

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