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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT—NEW PROGRAM

COLLECTION MANAGEMENT OFFICER ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM: Health Studies

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE: Kinesiology/HSS

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Assessment of:

- the suitability of existing resources
- the new resources required to support the program
- the information skills education required by the students
- the funds needed for library materials and services

1. Summary of existing library holdings in relevant subject categories, including supporting collections for HELIN

The Health Studies Major incorporates a wide range of courses already established in various departments of the University. Library funding during the past 10 years has not been sufficient to provide materials to adequately support existing programs. This has resulted in gaps and lapses in the collection of both monographs and scholarly journals in all areas. Substantial materials exist in the allied health fields, focused on support of the professional degrees in specific fields such as Nursing and Pharmacy. The library lacks most of the books and journals listed on the questionnaire.

2. New Resources required to support the program

Although this program has only three new courses, with a fourth course in the planning stages, the ability of the library to provide adequate support for the program with existing resources is limited and somewhat spotty. Using the bibliographies of readings for the three **new** courses I find that the library can supply approximately one quarter of the required books and journals.

In addition there is an expectation from students and faculty alike that scholarly journal resources will be available in full text online, especially for those taking distance education courses. While library policy gives preference to online resources, budgetary restrictions do not always allow this.

3. Information Skills education required by the students

The new courses listed all indicate that library research is expected. Library instruction sessions would be useful for students to familiarize them with health-related resources. Staffing is currently adequate to accommodate the number of students expected. In addition, the library offers a 3-credit course in Information Literacy (LIB 120) which might be considered as an alternative choice to COM 100. It fulfills a General Education requirement in English Communications, and teaches students to identify, acquire, evaluate and apply information. This course is popular and the number of sections/seats is limited, so it might prove difficult to accommodate all students in the program without additional staffing.

4. Funds needed for Library materials and services

Because this is a new program, no monies have been allocated for purchase of materials in Health Studies. We estimate a need for approximately \$17,000 to supply the books and journals in the fields of health policy and services and global health. These costs will be continuing costs which will increase by approximately 10% annually. While the purchase of books is a one-time cost, it is expected that new titles will need to be added to the collection every year to keep current with research in the field.