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MISSION STATEMENT DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. Brief Statement of the Nature of the Department:

The overall mission of the Library's Dept. of Technical Services is to provide the intellectual resources to enhance the university's instructional, research, and service activities. Within the University Library, Technical Services' mission is to acquire, process, organize and control the scholarly and general monographs, serials, microforms, media and electronic resources for the use of the university community. In order to fulfill these goals, the faculty of the department are expected to contribute their expertise in cataloging, collection development, administration, acquisitions and serials control so that the work of the department is done as expertly and efficiently as possible.

2. Librarianship:

The Provost suggests "the normal classroom teaching expectation (in terms of the University standard of three three-credit courses per semester)" be included in the Department's workload statement. This part of our workload [i.e. "librarianship"] is comparable to that standard, and we expect that the faculty will devote at least 80% of their time to our main goals and objectives enumerated above.

3. Research Expectations:

The Department encourages and supports the faculty to have a lively interest in the pursuit of inquiry, whether practical or theoretical in scope, with a view to the constant enhancement of the library's programs and services and the professional growth of the staff.

4. Service Expectations:

As members of the University of Rhode Island faculty, and as professionals, it is expected that librarians will participate in the committees, groups, task forces, etc. which perform the vital functions so necessary for healthy and vibrant organizations.

5. Approved Released Time Arrangements:

There are none in effect.