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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Program Proposal)
LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Program: __B.S. program in Sustainability and Food Systems__

Department, College: _Interdisciplinary led by Plant Sciences and Entomology_

Faculty Member: ___David Bengtson , Brian Maynard

Date returned to Faculty: __January 23, 2012

Librarian Completing Assessment: ___Joanna M. Burkhardt

Collection Management Officer: _____Joanna M. Burkhardt

Assessment of:

- Suitability of existing library resources;
- New library resources required to support the program;
- Information skills education required by the students; and
- Funds needed for library materials and services.

Please include:

1. What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories, including supporting collections from HELIN. How much money is now allocated in the program area?

There is approximately \$18,000 in total for the purchase of monographs allocated to the many disciplines participating in this program. With regard to journals there is approximately \$150,000 allocated to those same disciplines. Some of the journals already purchased will be relevant to this program. The monographic collection is sadly out of date. In examining the allocations of funds to each of the subject areas that will be involved in this program, it seems likely that sufficient monies could be diverted to the updating of the collections for this program to make it viable in the next several years, without damaging the ongoing collection-building in those disciplines.

2. Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?

In a review of the journals accessible online at URI, I believe there are sufficient resources to support the proposed program. There are numerous databases that provide access to full text journals in the fields in question, notably: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts, Biological Abstracts, Biology and Agricultural Index PLUS, Environmental Abstracts, FSTA—Food Science and Technology Abstracts, GreenFILE,

JSTOR Plant Science, Science Direct, Science Inventory, Turfgrass Information Center, Web of Science, EconLit, Sociological Abstracts and Academic Search Complete.

3. What new resources are required to support the program (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)?

The program proposal does not appear to require any new library resources to support the program.

4. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?

It is recommended that students attend library information sessions to familiarize them with the relevant literature and research tools, especially in those classes that require term papers or other research projects.

5. What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?

None.

As Collection Management Officer I do not feel that any new library resources are required to support this program.