

Collection Management Officer's (Michael Vocino) response to Budget presentation to Faculty Senate (November 2005)

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If your analysis of the figures is correct, Michael, then the impact falls
(trickles down) negatively onto all academic programs.

I would urge you and all of us to immediately ask for clarification, remedies
for the actual Library cuts, transfer of all funding responsibility for the
the proposed Ed Center back to HSS, and an enlargement of the debate and the
conversation of how budgets for departments or schools or the Library get
stuck with line items neither requested nor finally justified by any
budgetary
process I know of that's open and democratic.

Fac Sen Exec and the JPSC/JSPC take note: this is an "official" request
and
indeed for this request to be made an agenda item for both groups. And
on the
FS agenda.

Thanks for bringing these issues to our collective attention. Devils are always in details, so I am looking forward to an early reply from administration, e.g. the Provost's or the President's office (e.g. VP for finance or the architect(s) of the budget).

John Leo

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