



Department Annual Report for Grants/University Relations Office

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Major Accomplishments:

- Organizational—No changes.
- Personnel—Staffing remained stable.
- Programs
 - Grants—15 written proposals totaling \$67,276.03 were submitted. Library personnel were awarded 11 grants totaling \$33,661.14. The grants web page was updated, as well as the more detailed grants spreadsheet for the administration. Grants training for faculty included the in-house Grantsmanship 101 workshop and the campus wide InfoEd/SPIN and PI training sessions.
 - University Relations—The Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 Library newsletters were distributed primarily in electronic format to the campus and regional library community. The Library news postcard was discontinued. 100 color paper copies of the newsletter were distributed to campus VIPs and major donors. A special edition April Fool's Library newsletter, distributed electronically campus wide, received many accolades.
 - 40 news releases were written, posted on the Library news web page and released through University Communications. Major news stories included Archives' role in preserving flood-drenched Hatch village documents, the Library's role in the campus protest against the reclassification of Pluto to dwarf planet, GO Bond C, and the New Mexico Group Catalog.
- Strategic Goals/Targets
 - The goal for two new Library PIs to plan, write, and submit grant proposals was achieved. The two new PIs were Theresa Valko (McKee Foundation) and Melissa Van Dusen (ACRL Scholarship).

Trends/Issues:

- The Library entered its second year as the campus beta test site for InfoEd grantsmanship software. NMSU has made the decision to change from InfoEd to the A.R.G.I.S. system, which is a system that the Vice President for Research and others in his office have used elsewhere and prefer. As the beta test site, Library faculty will be trained in the use of A.R.G.I.S. Jeanette demonstrated electronic grant submission to two groups from the Office of the VP for Research. The Office is very interested in centralizing campus submission of electronic grants.
- Jeanette chaired a meeting of Library faculty to discuss the interpretation of the term "equivalent" in the educational requirement for Library faculty. The conclusion was that the only non-ALA accredited degrees that could be considered "equivalent" are foreign degrees, which can be evaluated with the assistance of ALA-recommended agencies. The important element for U.S. degrees is that the master's degree be ALA-accredited, no matter what the degree is called—library science, information science, knowledge management, or by another name.

Significant Faculty/Staff Accomplishments:

- Degree Completion
- Grants Awarded See grants statistics listed in **Major Accomplishments**
- Presentations—Jeanette conducted a Grantsmanship 101 Workshop attended by two persons. As Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, she organized the annual P&T Orientation Workshop, conducted by the Committee and attended by four persons. This year, the workshop was done as a PowerPoint presentation to help more fully engage the participants.
- Publications—Jeanette completed the 6th, 7th, and 8th chapters for her book on library humor: “Batgirl was a Librarian: Librarians as Superheroes,” “For SEX, See the Librarian,” and “With Apologies To: Parodies in Verse and Song.”

Jeanette’s article on the Hatch flood was published in *American Libraries*, and her photo of Dean Titus and Mrs. Clyde Tombaugh at the Pluto demonstration was published in *American Libraries* and *AL Direct*

Jeanette met with the faculty to revise the Library Promotion and Tenure Document, incorporated Fall 2006 revisions into the Library’s Promotion and Tenure Document (2007), re-indexed it and distributed it to the Library faculty.

- Other (e.g. awards, etc.)—Jeanette received the President’s Award from the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society for outstanding service.