• Ranking and Voting:

Current Databases
1. Each departmental representative will get 50 points to distribute to the currently funded databases. They will also receive any available usage data or product information to assist in the decision-making process. It should be noted that usage data, even for full-text resources, should not be considered as a definitive characteristic of a resource’s value. Votes should be submitted to Erin Finnerty, and are due by Friday 3/7/2008.
   - Exempt: Currently unfunded databases (not included on voting sheet)
   - Exempt: Archival Databases (greyed-out on voting sheet)
2. The departmental votes will then be tabulated and each database will receive a corresponding Rank number. Any “ties” will be resolved by factoring rank position from the prior year. Voting results will be made available at the March FLC meeting held on 3/13/08.
3. If any databases fall below the established funding line once the budget is released, they will be subject to a final FLC vote on whether or not to retain that resource. However, the FLC voted ‘yes’ to automatically fund archival databases (JSTOR, PROLA, ACS Archive).
   
   Also, The FLC voted ‘yes’ to consider 3 years voting history before dropping a database to more accurately assess it’s value to the university population (2/15/2007).

Unfunded / Proposed Databases
1. If the library budget increases at a rate that exceeds the inflationary cost of subscribing to existing resources, then the decision to subscribe to any new database would be delayed until the October or November meeting of the FLC. This would give the library a chance to run trials on any new database in the early fall semester after we already know the budget situation (usually by early August).
2. In the event that the library has additional funds to purchase a new resource, or there is a unanimous FLC vote to drop a currently funded resource, there will be another round of voting to distribute points to the unfunded/proposed databases.
3. The votes will then be tabulated and each database will receive a corresponding Rank number.

Journals
1. The academic department faculty representative ranks each journal title desired, whether new or recurring, in one list. This should be completed by the end of the Spring semester (mid-May).
2. The budget allocation formula will be run to determine each department percentage of the library budget.
3. Each department’s ranked list is funded as far down the list as possible with the funds allocated.
4. Once the funding has been established, the ranked list will be redistributed for final review before ordering.
5. If a department representative is interested in adding a new title, a current title(s) of similar value must be dropped from the list. Exceptions to this process occur when a journal title is shared by more than one
department. Also, in the instance that a department is interested in funding a non-journal resource (ex. CMMC in 2006) that falls within the allocated journal budget, the department may elect to acquire this resource instead. Exceptions to this process occur when a journal title that would be dropped is shared by more than one department.

† See AY 2005 Journals/Database Proposal