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Members present: John Eye (Chair), Briana Clay, Susan Mullican, Wei Wang, Xinyu Yu

### **Budget updates**

Because of university budget cuts and inflation, Westlaw will be canceled by the end of the fiscal year and Web of Science or Scopus will be canceled by the end of the calendar year for a combined total of \$100,000.

The possible scenarios for future cuts are as follows:

3% cut:	Collections \$25k	Salaries \$50k
4% cut:	Collections \$25k	Salaries \$75k
5% cut:	Collections \$25k	Salaries \$100k

### **Mississippi Digital Library (<http://www.msdiglib.org/>)**

Although the MDL is hosted by USM Libraries, the governing board is composed of representatives from across the state because it serves all of Mississippi.

### **Digital Public Library of America (<https://dp.la/>)**

MDL has been accepted to be part of DPLA which means all collections in MDL will be accessible across the world.

### **Updated Libraries' website**

The Libraries' website is under revision and is on task to have new look and responsive design January 2017. View <https://choose.usm.edu> to see example of responsive design.

### **Update on firm/book/e-book department budgets**

At least 50% of all departmental allocations should be submitted/spent by November 30. The deadline to submit/spend the remainder of allocation is March 1.

### **Open Educational Resources**

This initiative is a joint effort between University Libraries and the Provost Office to encourage faculty to create a textbook that will be open access.

Three winners are chosen with awards of \$400, \$800, and \$1600.

### **Textbooks on Reserve**

This initiative is to encourage faculty to put textbooks on reserve for students to use for a maximum of three hours. This is not to replace purchasing textbooks but may help those students who cannot afford to buy one.