Library concerned with service, not safety

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The UA Main Library and the Manuel T. Pacheco Integrated Learning Center offer plenty of resources for the general public, and library officials are working to help handle the load of resources as well as make the area a safer place.

A library survey taken in February was released last week and a task is working to better cater to the needs of library users.

Marianne Bracke, assistant librarian in the science library, was the leader of a team dedicated to “finding information in a new landscape.”

The team has worked to improve the library for the last two years by looking at how people can best take advantage of the resources provided, she said.

Changesto were made gradually, mostly in the last year, and the survey was intended to get feedback about those changes, Bracke said.

The survey was taken at five different service sites within the different libraries on campus, Bracke said, each with a slight variation.

The ILC survey is the most representative because the majority of visitors go there, Bracke said.

The survey addressed points of service with 24 questions and was taken by 274 people in the library and the ILC Bracke said.

Participants ranked five points they found the most important, five areas they think the library does the best and five points that need improvement, Bracke said.

The biggest concern surrounding improvement was about finding a computer during busy times, Bracke said, which is a problem difficult to address.

Priority to the 250 computers in the ILC is given to CatCard owners, Bracke said, and toward the end of the semester a classroom will be opened that administers, Bracke said.

“Getting people to computers can be challenging,” Bracke said. “It’s a matter of sharing resources because the majority of visitors go there, Bracke said.”

The fee is crucial for the planning degree to keep the program going, said John Paul Jones III, department head of Landscape Architecture, which administrators call “key to the program.”

Nearly 28 months after being placed on the academic chopping block because of the 2003 Focused Excellence initiative, the Planning Degree Program is facing a $370 fee for part-time planning students and a $1,400 for full-time planning students.

John Paul Jones III, department head of geography and regional development, said the fee is crucial for the planning degree to continue offering the professional courses necessary to remain an accredited program.

“The Planning Degree Program requires a fee to be financially viable,” Jones said.

Although the Planning Degree Program, formerly known as the School of Planning in the College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, was slated for elimination, members of the school fought the cut late last year.

Their efforts paid off in August when the regents voted to spare the planning school from elimination.

But Ron Stoltz, director of the School of Landscape Architecture, said he has a surprise for potential landscape architecture students, as a program fee will have to be instituted to keep the programs alive.

Provost George Davis said given the “harrowing experience” of last year when the regents voted to save planning, they did so with the understanding that it would be difficult to maintain the planning degree without a fee.

“The regents smiled knowingly that I would be back,” Davis said.

The School of Landscape Architecture, another program previously identified under Focused Excellence elimination, may see a $500 differential tuition charge next fall.

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It is UAPD policy not to name a suspect until they are officially charged with a crime, Mejia said.

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