

JGSM Library to Offer Enhanced Services

Student Council Update

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Dear Student Body,
Within the next few years, the library functions across Cornell will be undergoing changes as part of the University's

strategic planning. The incoming changes will modernize library services and offer students an improved array of options, including expanded access to e-resources and improved on-site specialized research. To address any confusions or concerns that JGSM students may have regarding these changes, the Student Council would like to make the following clarifications:

1) **Management Library will not be eliminated.** To the

contrary, the consolidation will allow the Johnson library to benefit from the strengths of other campus libraries, addressing areas identified by students and faculty in need of improvement. These areas were identified through a survey sent out to JGSM students and faculty last spring. Most importantly, Johnson School students will still have access to consultations, workshops, study space, etc.

2) **Specialized research databases will be maintained.** A key goal is to maintain and improve on-site, high quality, specialized research help

and resources available for students.

3) **Reserve operations to be shifted online.** Where feasible, print holdings will be digitized for easier discovery and use. This will allow students access to library material without the need to go into the library. However, student and faculty input is crucial to determine the changes needed to enhance online availability.

4) **Printed resources will be moved to ILR Library.** Responding to a decreased use of printed resources, physical collections will be consolidated into the ILR library stacks within 1-2 years.

5) **Enhanced Library Access.** The feasibility of after-hour key card access is being investigated for unstaffed, but safe and controlled extended hours.

There is a lot that is not yet known about how the Johnson library will be affected. The Student Council, as well as staff and administration, believes that it is crucial that library services are maintained at current levels or even expanded. An advisory committee of faculty, students, and staff has been established to help guide the implementation process. Upcoming open forums and information sessions will give users an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on these plans.

Sincerely,
Your Student Council