LIBRARY BUDGET. For FY11, Tisch Library received a 5% increase to its materials budget which will not increase our purchasing power but is much more than most libraries have received during this economy. At the 9/29 Library Committee meeting the library’s FY12 materials budget request will be reviewed with the goal of unanimous support from the Library Committee.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION. The Level G Construction Project is completed which added 13,000 linear feet of compact shelving to allow all the remaining bound serial volumes to be shelved together on level G and Digital Collections and Archives (DCA) to relocate to the Tower area of Level G. Printed books on Level 1 will be shifted throughout FY11.

SCANNERS AND DOUBLE-SIDED PRINTING. 3 new easy-to-use high-powered scanners are available in the library. High resolution images in JPEG, Word, Excel, PDF and text-searchable PDF files can be emailed or saved to a USB drive from the scanners at no cost. The default option on all public computers is now set to duplex printing saving paper.

STREAMING VIDEO AND MEDIA EQUIPMENT LOANERS. Streaming video has been implemented starting in fall 2010 with many professors requesting videos to be streamed via Blackboard. Feedback from the pilot test in spring 2010 from faculty and students was positive. 15 flip cameras, 2 camcorders, and 2 digital audio recorders are now available to be checked out by students in the Media Center.

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES’ MEMBERSHIP. At the April 7th meeting of the Library Committee, Tufts membership in Association of Research Libraries was discussed with the conclusion that it does not appear to be imperative for Tufts to join ARL at this time. Jo–Ann followed up with Dean Pepall whether ARL membership would make Tufts more competitive. Dean Pepall did not see major benefits to attracting graduate students so an application to ARL will not be pursued at this time.

EXTENDED LIBRARY AND LATE NIGHT STUDY (LNS) HOURS REQUEST. Tisch Library worked with the TCU reps to the Library Committee to pilot extended LIBRARY AND Late Night Study hours. Based on usage statistics, library hours will be extended until midnight Friday and Saturday Dec 10–11 and Dec 17 and 18, one week earlier in fall to accommodate students who have papers due before the start of the reading period. Since spring projects are due earlier because of graduation, library hours will not be extended in May. Similarly Late Night Study until 6 am will start one week earlier in the fall but will not start one week early in the spring.

RESPONDING TO TCU REQUESTS. In response to issues raised at a TCU senators meeting with the Library Director, a new professional library closing announcement has been recorded, an Academic Events Bulletin Board has been installed in the hallway to the Media Center and double-sided printing has been implemented. Other TCU feedback which has not been responded to yet include: desire for a larger portion of the library to be open later than 1 am and software to reserve group study rooms from outside of the library.

USER SURVEY. As shown by the results of the biennial user survey, students and faculty continue to have high user satisfaction in library collections and services. The results are in the attachment to this report.

LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE. Library research skills have been accepted as the 8th General Academic Skills on the competency list established by disciplines by the Learning Outcomes Assessment
Committee. The library plan to contact departments to discuss how to assess library research skills learned in each course.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE ELIST. The elist has been created and we can share documents and email via it. The elist is tischlibcom@elist.tufts.edu. The Secretary of the Faculty is also setting up an alternative way to share documents for the Library Committee to try out.

DIGITIZATION. Tisch Library has committed $5,000 to digitize materials in FY11. Digitization recommendations that will transform teaching will be an agenda topic at the Nov 10th the Library Committee meeting. Recently the library received a gift to digitize Margaret Floyd Henderson’s historic slides of New England architectural landmarks adding metadata to create a website on the internet.

LEARNING COMMONS/MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION LAB. A Learning Commons which includes renovating the library’s entrance floor to support an interactive learning environment that provides expert staff supporting library and technology needs of faculty and students is a major goal in the library’s strategic plan. A faculty research study identified as a high priority a multimedia production lab to meet needs of both faculty and students for their learning and research. Advancement plans to raise $1.5M by the end of the Capital Campaign to meet these goals.