**Report of the Vice President for Library and Information Services**

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Below is the report of the Vice President for Library and Information Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Report on Student Printing**

The transition to new public printers in the December-January period has been generally popular among students.  Using the PaperCut software reporting tool, I’ve extracted data for the period January 1st to March 1st to examine the statistical footprint so far.

The new public printers do not automatically print; each print job must be released at the printer. For convenience, you can tap your ID to authenticate and press a single button to release all your queued print jobs.  Jobs not printed within two hours are deleted.  The goal of this change was to reduce waste.  Anecdotally, we see a huge difference in the amount of paper in the recycling bins.

Here are some basic facts covering the 59 day period:

* 626,467 pages were printed: 10,618 per day.  By “pages” I mean print on one side of a piece of paper:  a single piece of paper with print on both sides would be counted as two pages.
* 355,581 pieces of paper were used: 6,027 per day.
* 123,720 pages were printed in color, 2,239 per day, which is 21% of the total pages. Thus 79% of pages were printed in grayscale.
* 86% of pages were printed duplex, front and back. Counting this is somewhat complicated: if you print a three page document in duplex mode, the system will count it as 2 pages in duplex (i.e. on 1 piece of paper front and back) and 1 page simplex (i.e. 1 piece of paper front only.)  So all jobs printed in duplex with odd numbers of pages will generate one simplex page.
* The total cost of this printing was $20,442,96: $346.49 per day. The cost is based on the following expenses:  one color page at 4.9 cents, one grayscale page at 2.29 cents, one piece of paper at 0.745 cents. The cost of paper is surprising to me; in the past, we had been consistently paying about 0.5 cents per page.
* 96% of all printing on the public printers was done by students.  About 1.5% was done by LBIS staff.  About 2.5% was done by faculty and staff in other departments.
* 1615 different students (and 84 staff and faculty) printed to the public printers.
* The average student:
  + printed 372.8 pages
  + printed 76.6 pages in color
  + printed 296.2 pages in grayscale
  + printed for a cost of $12.11
* The student who printed the most:
  + printed 5783 pages
  + printed 3080 pages in color
  + printed 2703 pages in grayscale
  + printed for a cost of $236.50
* Six students printed for over $100, 34 from $50.00-$99.99, 258 from $20.00-$49.99.
* 110 students printed over 1000 pages.

The following chart illustrates the range of student printing by cost.