According to the Standards for Distance Learning Library Services of the Association of College and Research Libraries, all distance students and faculty are entitled to library services and resources equivalent to those offered on campus. Since Salisbury University began offering distance learning, the SU Libraries have been responsive to the needs of distance learners and faculty. In keeping with this commitment to distance library services, the Distance Education Task Force (DETF), formed in 2014-15, generated a report discussing current practices at SU Libraries and recommended short- and long-term guidelines in the following categories: General, Access Issues, Interlibrary Loan, Collections, Information Literacy and Research Assistance.

This Distance Library Services (DLS) plan draws upon the DETF report and is mostly organized according to the goals of the Salisbury University Libraries Strategic Plan, 2014-2018. Since that plan ends in 2018, the target years for the DLS plan are being extended to 2020 to make this a three-year plan. As with the SU Libraries’ strategic plan, this plan builds upon what we already do and lays out what we hope to accomplish, depending on adequate staffing and resources.

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2.3: Ensure that innovative programs such as satellite campuses maintain the same quality as the home campus.

Ensure the SU Libraries provide appropriate support for distance students and faculty

- 2014 and ongoing: Regularly assess library services to distance students and faculty through regular surveys of students and faculty and other means (Director of External Library Services)

Faculty Survey

Problem: identifying exact # of faculty

Administered via: liaisons, instructional designers

Response: N=55/??

Distance Learning Week November ’17
Post/day about services/resources to distance student/faculty

Assessment Online and Hybrid

DE Students Survey (Spring’15) – 17 qs.
Incoming DE Students Survey (Fall’15) – 19 qs.
Faculty Survey (2017) – 13 qs.

Distance Education Committee (2005-06)
MOUs with area institutions
DETF (2014) – Short & Long Term Rec
Comprehensive Plan (2017) with Goals, Tactics, Budget, Target Dates, Assessment that feeds into the Library’s Strategic Plan
Outreach Plan (2018)