



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
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was \$45 million. The House Ways and Means Committee budget included an additional \$15 million for the state university system for FY 2014.

The state university system presidents and CFOs identified a formula for allocating the additional funds that provided each campus with a base amount, and divided the balance of the funding on a proportional enrollment basis. The presidents also agreed not to increase student fees for the coming academic year as a condition of this proposal.

Having passed the House, the FY 2014 budget proposal is under consideration by the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and it remains to be seen whether the Senate committee will

## **Freel Library Update**

Associate Dean Maureen Horak provided an overview of Freel Library programs and services. The work of the library is guided by a strategic plan for Freel that aligns with the MCLA strategic plan, and is focused on the evolution of the library as both a physical and virtual learning space. plan is a model of planning practice at the departmental level.

In support of this goal, the College hired a digital services librarian in 2012 who has been