

To Ernie Ables
From Warren Owens
Subject Grant proposal

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I have studied the tentative budget for the "Wilderness Library" grant proposal, and have discussed it with Dennis Baird. Following are my comments:

1. In view of the fact that the total shown is for a two-year period, thus amounting to some \$48,000 a year, the proposed budget does not seem to me to be greatly out of line.
2. However, I do think it possible to reduce the total, and suggest the following for consideration:
 - A. Is the "Faculty Advisor" at \$7,200 really necessary? I am assuming this will be the individual who will supervise the graduate research assistant, so I raise the question of whether that much supervision will actually be required, and also whether it cannot be absorbed in someone's regular duties. We in the Library will also have some supervisory obligation which we expect to absorb.
 - B. It is possible that the WLN terminal (\$4,000) can be eliminated. We are considering buying additional terminals in FY 81 for our regular operations. If we do, I would expect that the "wilderness" entries could then be done on existing equipment.
 - C. All of the items listed under "Supplies and Operations Expenses" (total \$4,400) could be absorbed by the Library.
 - D. It might be possible to reduce the "publication printing" cost (\$3,000), but I cannot be sure because I don't know on what basis the cost was calculated.

I suggest that Dennis Baird and I meet with you and your people next week at a mutually convenient time to discuss these matters so that we can come to an agreement on the budget size.

Warren