

Summary of Accomplishments
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2016-2017
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The 2016-17 academic year has been successful and productive for the Faculty Senate Library Committee. The accomplishments of the committee can be summarized as follows:

- Facilitation of communication between librarians and faculty
- Dissemination of information and updates to the Faculty Senate about the libraries' ongoing budget crisis
- Participation in and dissemination of information about the University Libraries' QER
- Successful distribution of Bradley grants to support faculty scholarship

Leadership

In 2016-17 the Faculty Senate Library Committee was chaired by Alysia Roehrig (Education). In addition, the committee has the following subcommittees and their respective chairs:

- Matthew Goff, chair, Bradley Grants subcommittee
- Lindsey Dennis, chair, Patron Services subcommittee
- Dennis Moore, chair, Resources subcommittee

Meetings

The Library Committee convened seven meetings in 2016-2017, on the following dates:

September 7, 2016 (314 Strozier)
October 5, 2016 (201 Westcott)
November 2, 2016 (Dirac Library, Staff Conference Room)
January 11, 2017 (3205 Westcott N. Annex)
February 1, 2017 (201 Westcott)
March 1, 2017 (Claude Pepper Library)
April 5, 2017 (Music Library)

The minutes for all of these meetings are available on the Blackboard page for the Library Committee. (With the upcoming move from Blackboard to Canvas, files prior to 2016-17 will be archived in the Faculty Senate's Onedrive.) The Bradley Grants subcommittee completed its work via email and during one in-person meeting of the subcommittee.

A Forum for Faculty and Librarian Communication

At the core, the Faculty Senate Library Committee provides a forum at which librarians and faculty interact and engage ideas. It is the main vehicle by which the library informs faculty about their affairs. Librarians can seek faculty input on projects that impact faculty and faculty can bring up concerns or suggestions regarding the library and its work. To this end a major component of each meeting is the

Dean's report, typically presented by the Dean of the Libraries, Julia Zimmerman. Her reports update faculty on issues relating to the collections, technology, key additions and changes in staffing and operations and lectures and other events to which faculty are invited.

Following are the most significant accomplishments of the Faculty Senate Library Committee during this academic year.

Informed the Faculty Senate about the Library Budget Crisis

Many of the items that the library pays for each year (particularly subscriptions to STEM-related journal packages) have an inflation rate of 4-5%. As a consequence the library faced a serious budget problem in 2015, which was addressed by making cuts to subscriptions, with the input of the Library Budget Crisis Taskforce. Despite the cuts and reduced costs negotiated with some publishers, the University Libraries again faces a potential budget deficit going into summer 2017. Thus, the chair of the Faculty Senate Library Committee informed the Faculty Senate of this potential deficit and volunteers were solicited in case the Taskforce needed to be reconvened to make recommendations about cuts during the summer of 2017.

Participated in University Libraries' Quality Enhancement Review (QER)

Members of the Faculty Senate Library Committee participated in the University Libraries' fall 2016 QER by meeting with the external reviewers, and the findings of the QER were shared with the Faculty Senate by the chair of the Faculty Senate Library Committee. The external reviewers, in their report, identified many strengths of the University Libraries, including its digital scholarship services and liaisons to departments, which provide valuable support to faculty. Moreover, they recognized, "The FSU Faculty Senate Library Committee is particularly helpful and supportive of the library agenda. We were impressed by their hard work in assisting and advocating for the library on serious collections budget issues, for example."

The external reviewers, however, also recognized that the funding for the University Libraries is unsustainable, especially given the high rate of inflation for library materials (in particular STEM journals, see Library Budget Crisis). They noted that our libraries' ranking amongst public university research libraries should be higher to match our university's ranking and to be able to support the goal of FSU moving up into the US News Top 25. They recommended increasing the collections budget by at least 5 million recurring dollars to address gaps in book budgets, as well as the rising cost of subscriptions. This increase, they pointed out, would still not allow for acquisition of materials for new areas of research or address over \$2 million in unmet faculty needs (for databases, journals, books, etc.). In addition, more library space is needed to better serve the needs of FSU's students.

Distribution of Bradley Grants

It is the responsibility of the Faculty Senate Library Committee to prepare documents that inform faculty about the annual Bradley Grants (formerly named the Faculty Research Library Materials Grants) and requisite deadlines, solicit applications from them, and decide which proposals to fund. Led by the Bradley Grants subcommittee (Chair: Matthew Goff, Religion; Members: Gang Chen, Engineering; Kris Harper, History; Svetlana Pevnitskaya, Economics; Jimmy Yu, Religion), we encouraged faculty members to apply and determined which applications to fund. By being awarded

a Bradley, a faculty member can have the library purchase materials, typically costing between five and ten thousand dollars, that will directly relate to his or her research.

These grants are a good way for the library to better serve the research needs of the faculty. The funding for this grant comes from Strozier, which generously approved \$50,000 for this project in 2016-17, despite the budget crisis. Prior to 2015-16, the Bradley Grants subcommittee had \$100,000 to distribute. The full \$50,000 allocated was distributed to these grants. It should also be noted that by purchasing materials through this grant, the faculty member does not use the regular budget of the library allotted for purchases for his/her department.

The Bradley Grants program was successful in 2016-17. We had fourteen applications for \$72,230, but only \$50,000 was distributed this year because of budget cuts. The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2016-17:

Name	Department	Amount Funded
1. Charles E. Brewer	Musicology	\$4813.25
2. Chuck Chandler	Voice Area	\$515.00
3. Eundeok Kim*	Retail, Merchandising and Product Development	\$4117.90
4. Sarah Eyerly	Musicology	\$4527.00
5. Carolina Gonzalez, Anel Brandl, Antje Muntendam, & Lara Reglero	Modern Languages and Linguistics	\$1756.00
6. Irena Hutton	Finance	\$6000.00
7. Stephanie Pau	Geography	\$7000.00
8. Iain Quinn	Music	\$3628.00
9. Michael Shatruk	Chemistry and Biochemistry	\$3900.00
10. Silvia Valisa*	Modern Languages	\$10,000.00
11. Xiaojun Yang	Geography	\$3750.00

* These members of the Faculty Senate Library Committee were not present for the full committee's discussion of and vote to approve the Bradley Grants subcommittee's funding recommendations.

Due to the competitive nature of this grant and debates that arose during the evaluation of applicants this year, the Bradley Grants subcommittee proposed some changes to the application process that were discussed, revised, and approved by the full committee. The following changes to the priorities for ranking applications and to the application materials will be implemented for the 2017-18 year:

- Increased priority for funding if matching funds provided
- Increased priority for funding if there will be broader access to the resource across campus
- Requirement of Letter of Support from Subject Librarian with the application materials