

Summary of Accomplishments
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2025-2026
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The 2025-2026 academic year has been successful and productive for the Faculty Senate Library Committee. The accomplishments of the committee can be summarized as follows:

- Participation in the search process for a new Dean of the Libraries
- Facilitation of communication between librarians and faculty
- Successful distribution of Bradley grants to support faculty scholarship and enhance the libraries' collections

Leadership

In 2025-2026, the Faculty Senate Library Committee was co-chaired by Alysia Roehrig (Education, Health, and Human Science) and Chris McCoy (Business). In addition, the committee has the following subcommittees:

- Bradley Grants subcommittee members: Barry Faulk (Chair), Jennifer Copp, Lynn Jones, Amy Lipford, Leila Gibradze, Lindsey Eckert
- Patron Services and Resources subcommittee members: Maria Ryan, Lynn Panton

Meetings

The Faculty Senate Library Committee convened eight meetings, both in person and on Zoom, during 2025-2026. Continuing a practice that began last academic year, the committee held several in-person meetings at various campus libraries. Each library volunteered for a date to host the committee and offered a tour of the facilities after each meeting. We met on the following dates and places:

- Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – 314 Strozier Library
- Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – Innovation Hub
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – Dirac Science Library
- Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 314 Strozier Library
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 - 314 Strozier Library
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 314 Strozier Library
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – The Claude Pepper Library
- Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – 314 Strozier Library and Sub-Basement

The minutes for all these meetings are available in the Faculty Senate's OneDrive folder for the Faculty Senate Library Committee. The Bradley Grants subcommittee completed its work via email.

Assisting with the Search for a New Dean of the Libraries

Members of the Faculty Senate Library Committee were invited to meet with the candidates as part of the Dean of the Libraries search. Members met with each candidate for approximately 1 hour during their on-campus interviews. This provided an opportunity to ask questions about faculty concerns and priorities during the campus visit. Once the new Dean had been selected, members of the Faculty Senate Library Committee were able to welcome the new Dean, Carrie Cooper, to our February committee meeting. Dean Cooper has shown that she values Faculty input, has quickly developed a positive relationship with the committee, and is working hard to advance FSU Libraries.

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 in ideas, which is important given the mission of the libraries to support learning, teaching, research, and service activities. It is the main vehicle by which the library informs faculty about their affairs. Librarians can seek faculty input on projects that affect faculty, and faculty can raise concerns or suggestions about the library and its work. To this end, a major component of each meeting is the Dean's report, typically presented by the interim Dean of the Libraries, Katie McCormick, or the new Dean of the Libraries, Carrie Cooper. The 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.

The librarians did a wonderful job of keeping faculty up to date on events, conferences, and new resources, as well as on funding challenges. They have also been doing an amazing job, consistently providing faculty with the resources they need to continue their research and teaching.

Distribution of Bradley Grants

The Faculty Senate Library Committee is responsible for preparing documents that inform faculty about the annual Bradley Grants and the required deadlines, soliciting applications from them, and deciding which proposals to fund. This year, these activities were led by the Bradley Grants subcommittee, consisting of Committee Chair Barry Faulk (English), and Committee Members Jennifer Copp (Criminology and Criminal Justice), Lynn Jones (Fine Arts), Amy Lipford (Law), Leila Gibradze (Innovation Hub), and Lindsey Eckert (Arts and Sciences). Valerie Boulos advises on the Bradley Grant process on behalf of the library. They reviewed applications and then presented their funding recommendations to the full Faculty Senate Library Committee for discussion and approval. By being awarded a Bradley, a faculty member can have the library purchase materials that will directly impact their research and often remain in the collections.

These grants are a good way for the library to better serve the research needs of the faculty. Strozier typically contributes \$100,000 each year. The Bradley Grants program was successful in 2025-2026. We received 9 applicants this year requesting approximately \$100,000 in funds. The committee unanimously approved funding for the 8 applications (coming to \$71,444.13). The committee unanimously rejected 1 application. We rejected this application because the vendor did not provide the library with the licensing agreement terms or the item's total cost by the time of voting. The committee unanimously approved using the remainder of the money to support the purchase of four items from the library's unmet needs list, using Bradley funds to obtain the following items:

- Early Latin Edition of Hippocratic Corpus
- National Theatre Collection 4
- Shakespeare's Globe on Screen Collection 3
- JSTOR Berghahn Books Publisher Collection

The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2025-2026:

Name	Department	Amount funded
1. A. Anshumali	Integrated Studies Program	\$1,985
2. D. Bookwalter	Art	\$9,925
3. A. Dill	Classics	\$6,774
4. E. Loic	Art History	\$3,900
5. E. McQueen	Theatre	\$1,783
6. D. Osborn	Educational Psychology	\$4,323
7. A. Sprenkle	English	\$5,754
8. C. Wang	Risk Management Insurance, Real Estate, and Legal Studies	\$37,000

The Bradley Grants process ran smoothly, and one revision was made for the upcoming 2026–27 process. We revised the language in the letter sent to faculty about the grant program, removing wording that may have discouraged applications for materials supporting teaching or general collection development. This change was made to encourage broader participation as we have ended up with excess funds the past few years.