

**Summary of Accomplishments**  
**Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2020-2021**  
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The 2020-21 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
- Successful distribution of Bradley grants to support faculty scholarship

### **Leadership**

In 2020-21 the Faculty Senate Library Committee was chaired by Alysia Roehrig (Education). In addition, the committee has the following subcommittees and their respective chairs:

- Barry Faulk, chair, Bradley Grants subcommittee
- Lindsay Dennis, chair, Patron Services and Resources subcommittee

### **Meetings**

The Library Committee convened eight online meetings in 2020-21, on the following dates:

September 9, 2020 (Zoom)  
October 14, 2020 (Zoom)  
November 4, 2020 (Zoom)  
December 9, 2020 (Zoom)  
January 13, 2021 (Zoom)  
February 10, 2021 (Zoom)  
March 10, 2021 (Zoom)  
April 14, 2021 (Zoom)

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

### **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, Gale Etschmaier. 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.

The librarians did a wonderful job of keeping faculty up to date on changes due to COVID, as well as doing an amazing job providing faculty with the resources they needed to continue their research and teach online. The university librarians also kept us updated about the weeding project to create more space in the libraries. The project experienced additional delay this year due to COVID. The purpose of removing physical materials is to create more space for students to study, for faculty to use for symposiums as well as research forums, and for special collections and new materials. Items are being identified for potential removal based on (lack of) usage, age, and availability from other sources.

### **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: Barry Faulk, English; Members: Tanya Peres, Anthropology; David Orozco, Business; Laurie Abbott, Nursing; Svetlana Pevnitskaya, Economics; Valerie Boulos, Libraries), 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 their research.

These grants are a good way for the library to better serve the research needs of the faculty. Strozier typically contributes \$50,000 each year, while the Office of Research was also to contribute an additional \$50,000 (which it promised in spring 2018 to provide for five years, to help support the libraries since they don't receive any overhead from grant awards). However, this year, due to holdbacks, the library was in a deficit and had to make cuts. Additionally, this year we received only \$38,000 from the Office of Research rather than the expected \$50,000 because they decided to match the library's endowment, which was down, instead of giving us the fixed amount.

The Bradley Grants program was successful in 2020-21. We had 11 applications requesting \$45,775.24 worth of materials, of which all were unanimously approved for funding. The committee also approved of allowing the unused money to go toward the library deficit. 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 following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2020-21:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount funded</b>
1. Brewer	Musicology	\$5056.52
2. Bruker	Communication	\$4964.94
3. Gatta & Thomas	English/Theatre	\$2000.00
4. Hanley	History	\$6333.00
5. High	Ringling	\$2244.00
6. Linford	Law	\$2744.44

7. McTighe & Renfro	Religion/History	\$9600.00
8. Parker, Wu, Kimmes & McWey	Family and Child Sciences	\$1335.00
9. Rabinovitch	Music Theory/Composition	\$397.34
10. Shatruk	Chemistry and Biochemistry	\$2100.00
11. Wang	Modern Languages and Linguistics	\$9000.00

The Bradley Grants process ran smoothly and no revisions were made for the upcoming 21-22 competition. The 2021 call for applications was distributed as an important announcement to all faculty in April 2020, and reminders will be sent again in fall. The due date is October 8, 2021.

In order to help with recruiting financial support for the Bradleys from donors and the Office of Research, the Patron Services and Resources subcommittee (Members: Lorri Mon, Information; Lindsay Dennis, Education; Libby Lewis, Hospitality) solicited past winners of grants to provide brief, specific statements about how the award impacted their research and creative activity. We received a number of strong statements.