

Summary of Accomplishments
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2021-2022
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The 2021-22 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 2021-22, 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 2021-22, on the following dates:

September 8, 2020 (Zoom)
October 13, 2020 (Zoom)
November 3, 2020 (Zoom)
December 8, 2020 (Zoom)
January 12, 2021 (Zoom)
February 9, 2021 (Zoom)
March 9, 2021 (Zoom)
April 6, 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 easing of COVID restrictions, new search tools, and mold breakouts in the storage facility, 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 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. The Chair made a presentation to Faculty Senate in Fall 2021 to clarify the process for suggesting items for weeding as well as requesting to retain items. This seemed to allay faculty concerns about losing important items.

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: David Orozco, Business; Sara Shields, Art; Laurie Abbott, Nursing; 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).

The Bradley Grants program was successful in 2021-22. We had 8 applications requesting \$51,484 worth of materials, of which 7 were unanimously approved for funding. One was not approved because access to the material would be limited to the research team and not the broader campus. The committee agreed to give back to the Libraries for their collection, specifically Territorial Papers of the United States.

The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2021-22:

Name	Department	Amount funded
1. Bookwalter	Art	\$7,120.00
2. Clifford	Law	\$3,400.00
3. Loic	Art	\$12,968.00
4. Mewhinney	Modern Languages	\$16,431.00
5. Negpal	Health and Human Sciences	\$870.00
6. Schwenkler	Philosophy	\$595.00
7. Shatruck	Chemistry	\$2100.00

The Bradley Grants process ran smoothly and one revision was made for the upcoming 22-23 competition. We provided space on the form to clarify if someone was a tenure-track or specialized faculty member as opposed to a visiting faculty member (who has a short-term appointment). If there were more fundable applications than funds, we would have a lower prioritization for funding of visiting faculty member requests. The 2022 call for applications was distributed as an important announcement to all faculty in April 2022, and reminders will be sent again in fall. The due date is October 10, 2022.