

**Summary of Accomplishments**  
**Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2022-2023**  
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The 2022-23 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 and enhance the libraries' collections

### **Leadership**

In 2022-23, the Faculty Senate Library Committee was co-chaired by Alysia Roehrig (Education) Svetlana Pevnitskaya (Social Sciences and Public Policy). In addition, the committee has the following subcommittees and their respective chairs:

- Bradley Grants subcommittee: chair Barry Faulk; members Laurie Abbott, Sara Shields, Leila Gibradze, Valerie Boulos
- Patron Services and Resources subcommittee members: Svetlana Pevnitskaya, Sara Shields, Denise Von Glahn

### **Meetings**

The Library Committee convened eight meetings in 314 Strozier and on Zoom during 2022-23. We met on the following dates:

September 7, 2022  
October 5, 2022  
November 2, 2022  
December 7, 2022  
January 11, 2023  
February 8, 2023  
March 8, 2023  
April 12, 2023

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, 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 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 events, conferences, and new resources, as well as on challenges and impacts due to flooding in Strozier and mold breakouts. They have also been doing an amazing job consistently providing faculty with the resources they needed to continue their research and teach.

### **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. This year these activities were led by the Bradley Grants subcommittee consisting of Chair: Barry Faulk (English) and Members: Laurie Abbott (Nursing), Sara Shields (Art), Leila Gibradze and Valerie Boulos (Libraries). 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 (typically costing between five and ten thousand dollars) that will directly impact their research and usually 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 \$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 2022-23. We had 11 applications requesting \$88,456 worth of materials, of which 8 were unanimously approved for funding (coming to \$71,256). (Note that Peres, who is a member of the library committee, did not participate in the vote regarding funding of Bradley grants because she had a proposal under consideration.) Three were not approved because access to the material would be limited to the research teams and not the broader campus. With the remaining Bradley funds, the committee unanimously voted to purchase Indian Claims Insight from the list of unmet faculty needs that the libraries keep.

The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2022-23:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount funded</b>
1. Brewer	Music	\$4206.30
2. Chakrabarti & Peres	Anthropology	\$7403.23
3. Elumalai	MagLab	\$3611.58
4. Goldmark, Bumatay, & Ribo	Modern Languages & Linguistics	\$3494.99
5. Hazard et al.	Religion	\$30,898.00
6. Hershon	Ringling Museum of Art	\$9642.00
7. Mewhinney	Modern Languages & Linguistics	\$10,000.00
8. Weber	Modern Languages & Linguistics	\$2000.00

The Bradley Grants process ran smoothly, and one revision was made for the upcoming 23-24 competition. We asked applicants to give librarians more lead time to look into items and provide letters of support. The 2023 call for applications was distributed as an important announcement to all faculty in June 2023, and reminders will be sent again in fall. The due date is October 4, 2023.