

Summary of Accomplishments
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2023-2024
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The 2023-24 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 2023-24, the Faculty Senate Library Committee was co-chaired by Alysia Roehrig (Education) and Svetlana Pevnitskaya (Social Sciences and Public Policy) in fall 23 then Tanya Peres (Arts & Sciences) in spring 24. In addition, the committee has the following subcommittees:

- Bradley Grants subcommittee members: Barry Faulk (Chair), Sara Shields, Amy Lipford, Lindsey Dennis, Tanya Peres
- Patron Services and Resources subcommittee members: Denise Von Glahn, Lynn Jones

Meetings

The Library Committee convened eight meetings in 314 Strozier and on Zoom during 2023-24. We met on the following dates:

- Wednesday, September 6, 2023
- Wednesday, October 4, 2023
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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 of renovations in Strozier. 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

It is the responsibility of the Faculty Senate Library Committee to prepare documents that inform faculty about the annual Bradley 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 Committee Chair Barry Faulk (English), and Committee Members Amy Lipford (Law), Lindsey Dennis (Education, Health, and Human Sciences), Tanya Peres (Anthropology), Sara Shields (Art), and Valerie Boulos (advising for 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 \$100,000 each year. (In previous years the Office of Research provided \$50,000 of the funding). The Bradley Grants program was successful in 2023-24. We had 10 applications requesting \$101,234 worth of materials over the course of two rounds of submission. The committee unanimously approved funding for 8 applications (coming to \$91,734). Those not approved would have been inaccessible to the broader campus.

The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2023-24:

Name	Department	Amount funded
1. Matthews	Music	\$3538.05
2. Valisa	Modern Languages & Linguistics	\$8000.00
3. McQuerry	Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship	\$5251.00
4. Mahoney	Social Sciences & Public Policy	\$7325.00
5. Bookwalter	Fine Arts	\$11,650.00
6. Kim	Business	\$15,200
7. Lou et al.	History (and Religion, etc.)	34,620
8. Shatruck	Chemistry & Biochemistry	\$6,150

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/licenses, consult with relevant electronic or special collections librarians, obtain support statements from those who would also benefit from large requests (i.e., over \$10k), and provide letters of support. The 2024 call for applications was distributed as an important announcement to all faculty in May 2024, and reminders will be sent again in fall. The due date is October 2, 2024.