

Summary of Accomplishments
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2024-2025
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The 2024-2025 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 2024-2025, the Faculty Senate Library Committee was co-chaired by Alysia Roehrig (Education) and Tanya Peres (Arts & Sciences). In addition, the committee has the following subcommittees:

- Bradley Grants subcommittee members: Barry Faulk (Chair), Sara Shields, Amy Lipford, Lindsey Dennis, Lynn Jones, Leila Gibradze
- Patron Services and Resources subcommittee members: Lindsey Dennis, Sara Shields

Meetings

The Library Committee convened eight meetings in person and on Zoom during 2024-2025. At the October 2024 meeting, the committee discussed holding in-person meetings at different 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 11, 2024 – 314 Strozier Library
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024 – 314 Strozier Library
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – Innovation Hub
- Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – WJB Art & Design Library
- Wednesday, January 15, 2025 - Dirac Science Library
- Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – Warren D. Allen Music Library
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – Law Library (Research Center)
- Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – College of Medicine Library

The minutes for all of these meetings are available in 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 DEI crackdowns. 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), Lynn Jones (Fine Arts), 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. The Bradley Grants program was successful in 2024-2025. The first round of submissions in fall was a bit early, and we received only 2 applications, 1 of which was incomplete. We reran later in semester and had 5 additional applications. The total amount requested was \$57,556 worth of materials. The committee unanimously approved funding for the 6 applications (coming to \$37,556). The committee unanimously approved using the remainder of the money to support the purchase one of the following items from the unmet needs list using Bradley funds and another source of funding to obtain the other:

- Early American Newspapers: Series 15
- Pittsburgh Courier

The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2024-2025:

Name	Department	Amount funded
1. I. Burcu	Social Work	\$3752
2. S. Cabell	School of Teacher Education	\$22,994
3. A. Cohen	Anthropology	\$4850
4. S. Craft	Undergraduate Studies	\$3612
5. C. Gonzalez	Modern Lang. & Linguistics	\$1300
6. L. Jones	Art History	\$4800

The Bradley Grants process ran smoothly, and one revision was made for the upcoming 25-26 competition. We moved the deadline for submission later in the fall semester to give folks more time to put together their applications. The 2025 call for applications was distributed as an important announcement to all faculty in June 2025, and reminders will be sent again in fall. The due date is November 14, 2025.