

Summary of Accomplishments
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2017-2018
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The 2017-18 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
- Dissemination of information and updates to the Faculty Senate about the libraries' ongoing budget crisis
- Successful distribution of Bradley grants to support faculty scholarship
- Participation in and dissemination of information about the Dean of University Libraries search

Leadership

In 2017-18 the Faculty Senate Library Committee was chaired by Alysia Roehrig (Education). In addition, the committee has the following subcommittees and their respective chairs:

- Jimmy Yu & Svetlana Pevnitskaya, co-chairs, Bradley Grants subcommittee
- Lindsey Dennis, chair, Patron Services subcommittee
- Dennis Moore, chair, Resources subcommittee

Meetings

The Library Committee convened seven meetings in 2017-18, on the following dates:

September 6, 2017 (314 Strozier)
October 4, 2017 (201 Westcott)
November 1, 2017 (201 Westcott)
February 7, 2018 (201 Westcott)
March 7, 2018 (314 Strozier)
April 4, 2018 (314 Strozier)

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 and during one in-person meeting of the subcommittee.

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, Julia Zimmerman.

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.

Following are the most significant accomplishments of the Faculty Senate Library Committee during this academic year.

Informed the Faculty Senate about the Library Budget Crisis

Many of the items that the library pays for each year (particularly subscriptions to STEM-related journal packages) have an inflation rate of 4-5%. As a consequence, the library faced a serious budget problem in 2017-18, as well as an impending one in 2018-19, in which a \$500,000 budget shortfall is anticipated. FSU is charged a disproportionate amount for Elsevier compared to other SUS universities, which combined with inflation in rates each year, makes subscription unsustainable.

Volunteers, from the Faculty Senate Library Committee and across the university, were solicited to participate in the Library Budget Taskforce, which met twice to discuss the issues related to the Elsevier package and provide recommendations about cuts to subscriptions. The Taskforce informed the Faculty Senate of their recommendations, which included departments working with librarians to determine the most used and important journals to re-subscribe to on a title-by-title basis, up to a total of \$1 million (saving FSU about \$900k and helping avoid a budget deficit.

Based on the recommendations of the Taskforce, the following resolution was passed unanimously in March 2018 by the Faculty Senate:

The Faculty Senate resolves to support the FSU Libraries decision to cut ties with the SUS /Elsevier package, subscribe to the most used journals mediated by discussions between librarians assigned to departments and the department liaison, and handle the remaining needs of faculty via ILL or purchased access through Web of Science.

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 (Co-Chairs: Svetlana Pevnitskaya, Economics; Jimmy Yu, Religion; Members: Kris Harper, History; Brian Stults, Criminology; Jeff Lacasse, Social Work; Roy Ziegler, 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 his or her research.

These grants are a good way for the library to better serve the research needs of the faculty. The funding for this grant comes from Strozier, which generously approved \$50,000 for this project in 2017-18, despite the budget crisis. Prior to 2015-16, the Bradley Grants subcommittee had \$100,000 to distribute. The full \$50,000 allocated was distributed to these grants. 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 Bradley Grants program was successful in 2017-18. We had 21 applications for \$110,558, but only \$50,000 was available for distribution this year because of budget cuts. The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2017-18:

Name	Department	Amount funded
1. Bish	Music	\$4,325
2. Bledsoe	Geography	\$1,200
3. Eyerly	Music	\$4,527
4. Goff	Religion	\$6,000
5. McDowell & Bilir	Communication	\$1,501
6. Mooney & Elsner	Geography and History	\$5,200
7. Muhamad	Communication	\$3,100
8. Ozok-Gundogan	History	\$10,450
9. Scholz	History	\$2,100
10. Sickinger	Classics	\$2,551
11. Stilerman	Modern Languages and Literature	\$2,000
12. Taylor	English	\$6,700

Due to the competitive nature of this grant and issues that arose during the process of obtaining and evaluating applicants this year, the Bradley Grants subcommittee proposed some changes to the application process that were discussed, revised, and approved by the full committee. The following changes to the priorities for ranking applications and to the application materials will be implemented for the 2018-19 year:

- Increased emphasis on primary purpose of supporting tenure earning or tenured faculty
- Clarification of what the grant cannot cover (e.g., salary, equipment, travel)
- Requirement that licensing agreements be provided in English
- Requirement to obtain Letter of Support from Subject Librarian at least one week prior to the application deadline

The Library Committee invited VP for Research, Gary Ostrander to the February meeting to discuss the importance of libraries to research and potential funding from his office to support the libraries. The result of the discussion was that Dr. Ostrander agreed to provide \$50,000 for each of the next 5 years to supplement the Bradley grants, so that \$100,000 may again be offered. In exchange, the FSU Libraries agreed to pursue the establishment of an endowment to support the Bradley Grants going forward.

Dean of University Libraries Search

When Dean Zimmerman announced her plans to retire, effective summer 2018, a search committee was created that includes the Chair of the Faculty Senate Library Committee, as well as several of the Library Committee's members. The search is ongoing, but a strong pool of applicants is currently under review by the committee, which plans to do Skype and then campus interviews over the rest of April and beginning of May 2018.