

Summary of Accomplishments
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2018-2019
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The 2018-19 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 leaving the big deal journal package with Elsevier
- Successful distribution of Bradley grants to support faculty scholarship
- Communication and coordination with faculty about removal of materials from Strozier to make more workspace

Leadership

In 2018-19 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, chair, Bradley Grants subcommittee
- Richard Morris, chair, Patron Services subcommittee and Library Materials Removal Task Force
- Denise Von Glahn & Dennis Moore, co-chairs, Resources subcommittee

Meetings

The Library Committee convened six meetings in 2018-19, on the following dates:

September 5, 2018 (314 Strozier)
(October meeting cancelled due to Hurricane Michael)
November 7, 2018 (314 Strozier)
January 9, 2019 (314 Strozier)
February 13, 2019 (Heritage Museum)
March 6, 2019 (314 Strozier)
April 10, 2019 (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, 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.

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

Informed the Faculty Senate about Leaving the Big Deal with Elsevier

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 and 2018-19, with at least a \$500,000 budget shortfall. FSU is charged a disproportionate amount for Elsevier compared to other SUS universities, which combined with inflation in rates each year, makes subscription unsustainable.

Thus, negotiations with Elsevier were held, and when they would not reduce the price to FSU to part of the big deal package with the FSUS, FSU broke the deal. This saved the FSU libraries a million dollars, as the big deal cost \$2 million and only \$1 million in subscriptions to the most used/needed journals were repurchased. Updates about this issue, the process, and plans were routinely made to the Faculty Senate. Notably, other universities around the world have continued to follow suit, also canceling their deals with Elsevier.

The plan—for the library to work with each FSU department to decide which important and highly used Elsevier journals to resubscribe to—was implemented smoothly. The plan to provide access to Elsevier articles to which FSU no longer subscribes—immediately at a cost of approximately \$30 to the library or within 24 hours for free via interlibrary loan (ILL)—also went smoothly. To date, Elsevier Journal cancellations have not resulted in significant increase in Elsevier ILL requests.

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: Jimmy Yu, Religion; Members: Kris Harper, History; Amy Huber, Fine Arts; Irene Alexandraki, Medicine; 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 2018-19. The Office of Research also contributed 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 full \$100,000 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 2018-19. We had 14 applications requesting \$85,000, of which 12 were approved for funding. Two applications were rejected because either they would not be accessible to the FSU community or FSU could not comply with required licensing and technology logistics. The other applications were funded for \$90,000; two applications were funded at a level higher than requested in order to complete the collection/installment, which would be valuable to others at FSU. The following faculty members were recipients of this grant in 2018-19:

Name	Department	Amount funded
1. Cecil	Religion	\$3,000
2. Eckert	English	\$10,000.00
3. Graban	English	\$21,083.00
4. Jones	Art History	\$10,000
5. Kern	Political Science	\$5,560
6. Large	Music	\$1,085
7. Levenson	Religion	\$646
8. Porter	Music	\$520
9. Quinn	Music	\$6,679
10. Shatruk	Chemistry and Biochemistry	\$2,100
11. Valisa	Modern Languages and Linguistics	\$26,191
12. High	Ringling Museum of Art	\$3,315

Additionally, other applications underestimated the amounts required for shipping, binding or other costs related to acquisition, which brought us to the total \$100,000 being awarded. In order to increase the number of applications and to prevent the underestimation of costs for procurement, the following changes will be made for the 2019-2020 implementation of the Bradley Grants:

- Post the Bradley Grant webpage on the new hires website
- Have the deans and chairs send the information to all their new hires
- Require applicants to determine costs to the library for shipping, binding, etc. to be detailed in letter of support from librarian

Coordination with Faculty about Removal of Library Materials

A task force comprised of the Resources and Patron Services subcommittees, chaired by Richard Morris was convened to address issues regarding impending removal of physical materials from the FSU library collection. The goal of the task force was to determine how to best communicate with faculty the need and process for the withdrawals, as well as to identify materials to be kept. 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.

A report was created by the task force and librarians, which Faculty Senate Library Committee representatives shared with faculty in their academic units at the end of the school year. Communication with faculty will continue in the fall when the removal process will begin.