Library Committee Annual Report, 2017-18

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Library Committee

Charge: The charge to the Library Committee is to make recommendations to the provost concerning the continued improvement of the library collection and library services, and academic matters related to library policies and programs.

Committee Members
- Denice Adkins, School of Information Science & Learning Technologies
- Carla Allen, SHP/Clinical and Diagnostic Science
- Laura Bartig, MSA Student Representative
- Elizabeth Chang, English
- Emily Collins, MSA Student Representative
- Stamatis Dostoglou, Mathematics
- Stephen Karian, English
- Justin Legarshky, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Kimberly Moeller, MU Libraries
- Eric Sandvol, Geological Sciences
- Taylor Tutin, MSA Student Representative
- Gunnar Johanson, Alumni Relations*
- Dix Pettey, Mizzou Online
- Ann Campion Riley, Vice-Provost, University Libraries

*Johanson left the university during this academic year.

Number of Meetings
The Library Committee met 5 times during the 2017-18 academic year. The April meeting was canceled due to lack of budget information.

One member of the Library Committee (Adkins) participated on the MU Library’s Collections Steering Committee, which met every two weeks during the academic year.

One member of the Library Committee (Tutin) was a member of the University Libraries Student Advisory Council (ULSAC). ULSAC was formed to advise the MU Library in spending resources gained through the library student fee approved in the 2016-17 academic year. ULSAC met every month during
the academic year, including a research trip to North Carolina to tour university libraries in the Research Triangle.

**Major accomplishments or highlights**

Budgetary concerns remain the major issue for the MU Library, and so were an important issue for the Library Committee. The Library Committee sent a letter to Interim Provost Spain and Chancellor Cartwright, advocating that the library’s materials budget be held harmless. As of May 2018, the provost announced that the library’s collections budget would not be reduced. However, as publishers increase their prices, collection cuts will still have to be made. The Collections Steering Committee, with faculty input, has documented the effects of budget cuts on the library’s collection, and this report has been shared with the Library Director for her information.

The MU Library solicited Library Committee feedback on several issues, including how to allocate space in the new depository, disposal of duplicate materials, reallocation of library space after the departure of the State Historical Society to its new facility. Library Director Riley also presented information about fundraising and development activities, new library hires, library budget, and the results of an Ithaka survey of MU faculty about their views of the library.

A Library Committee member presented a report about ULSAC activities and goals, including priorities for library space and design. The ULSAC Student Vision Project was presented, with a discussion of what was learned at the ULSAC visit to Research Triangle university libraries and how that might affect planning for the future of MU Libraries.

Members of the Library Committee visited the new Digital Media Laboratory with E-Learning Librarian Nav Khanal.

**Recommendations for next year**

- Next year’s committee may want to investigate whether or not to discuss an MU or UM system-wide open access requirement and present such a requirement to Faculty Council for their adoption. A priority of the 2016-17 Library Committee was progress toward developing an open access policy for MU. UM System faculty can deposit their pre-prints in MOSpace institutional repository, and UM System President Choi’s Affordable and Open Educational Resources initiative provides incentives for using open resources for instructional purposes.
- Scheduling meetings at a mutually accessible time was very difficult. Using Zoom or other telecommunications products for some meetings may allow more member participation. However, there is value in having some meetings take place in Ellis Library itself, and/or in departmental libraries or off-campus library facilities.
- This year, several MU Librarians and staff said they would be happy to provide brief tours for the Library Committee to see facilities. This is another form of active engagement the committee could take advantage of next year, in order to see the depth and degree of services provided.
- Because the Library Committee is a group that advocates for library staff, resources, and materials, I found it helpful to meet with Library Director Ann Campion Riley on a regular basis during the academic year, and especially prior to committee meetings, to get a sense of the Library’s situation. The next chair may also find this practice useful.