

## **Annual Report to the Faculty Senate – Library Committee**

**To:** Faculty Senate

**From:** Jason Snyder (on behalf of the Library Committee)

### **Committee Members**

Jason Snyder (Management Information Systems) (11) **Chair**

Lawrence Grasso (Accounting) (11)

Sylvia Halkin (Biology) (11)

Heidi Hartwig (English) (11)

Krishna Saha (Mathematical Sciences) (11)

Carl Antonucci (Director Of Library Services; Ex Officio)

2 Students

**Chair's Notes:** The committee made multiple requests for SGA to provide the committee with two student members. Unfortunately, no student members were identified by the SGA. This academic year has been one of transition. The library is undergoing major renovations and is operating under the leadership of a new Director, Carl Antonucci, who has worked closely with the committee.

### **Committee's Functions**

1. To make recommendations related to library policies in so far as they impact the teaching, research, and service responsibilities of the faculty and the studies of students.
2. To serve in an advocacy role for the Library.
3. To act as a hearing board for students and faculty with grievances concerning the library.
4. To advise the Vice President for Academic Affairs and other administrative officers as to the status of the library as an effective instrument serving the needs of the university.
5. To participate in planning for future library facilities.

### **Meetings**

1. November 1, 2010

Present: J. Snyder, S. Halkin, C. Antonucci

2. November 29, 2010

Present: J. Snyder, S. Halkin, C. Antonucci, H. Hartwig, K. Saha

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### 3. January 28, 2011

Present: J. Snyder, C. Antonucci, S. Halkin, L. Grasso, H. Hartwig, K. Saha

Guests: S. Slaga, L. Slater

**Chair's Notes:** The committee met two times during the 2008-2009 academic year and two times during the 2009-2010 academic year. Given the low number of meetings, the committee decided to meet on an as-needed basis.

### Committee Activities

The committee meetings served, in part, to keep the committee updated about events and activities in the library, including:

- The library's first-floor renovations.
- The plans for HVAC renovations.
- The library's plan to renovate the second floor.
- Site visits to UMass Amherst and other locations to gather information about library's future renovations.
- The library's long-term goal of using RFID to tag and identify books.
- The library's approval to hire a Serials Librarian.
- The library's search for a Librarian Technician Assistant

The committee is assisting the library in its efforts to gain information about library renovations:

- **Focus Groups:** The committee volunteered to participate in and/or facilitate focus groups designed to gather both faculty and student input about renovation projects. J. Snyder volunteered to facilitate focus groups on April 25. The committee suggested that it could assist in developing a survey to follow the focus groups.

The library has also stated that they would like assistance or advice in the future from the committee on the following initiatives:

- Survey to follow the focus groups
- Collection development policy and weeding
- Information literacy instruction