

**Central Connecticut State University**  
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

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**Senate Motion Number FS 11.12.020B**

TO: President Jack Miller

FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with: **Library Committee bylaws** is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on **2/13/2012**.
3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.
4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.8, the following schedule of action is to be observed.
  - a) By **2/20/2012**, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
  - b) By **2/27/2012**, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

**2/16/2012**

Date

BB for CB

Candace Barrington, President, University Senate

**ENDORSEMENT:**

TO: President of the University Senate

FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved : ✓
2. Motion Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Explanatory statement must be appended).
3. Action "is deferred": \_\_\_\_\_
4. Resolution Noted: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

2/21/12

President Jack Miller

John W. Miller

## **Library Committee**

### **Membership**

- Seven teaching faculty members;
- Two students (one undergraduate and one graduate);
- The Director of Library Services, ex officio and non-voting.

### **Selection**

- The seven teaching faculty members shall be elected by the Faculty Senate for two-year terms. Four members shall be elected in even years, and three members in odd years.
- The undergraduate student member shall be selected by the Student Government Association, for a one-year term.
- The graduate student member shall be selected by the Graduate Student Association, for a one-year term.

### **Functions And Responsibilities**

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 listen to students and faculty concerns regarding 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.

### **Special Provision for Spring 2012 election**

In the Spring 2012 election, seven faculty members shall be elected; the four candidates with the highest number of votes shall be elected to two-year terms, and the other three shall be elected to one-year terms.

### **Rationale for update to Library Committee bylaws**

- The members of the library committee have expressed a desire to change the term of service to two years from one year. The committee has extensive turnover from year-to-year and we believe the committee can get more done if it is not starting from scratch each year. As a quick example, there was only one returning member this year, and in 2010 all members were new to the committee.
- The committee said that they would prefer that the committee comprises seven faculty members, instead of five. If one or two members are missing, then the committee is currently left with three members making decisions.
- The two students should include one undergraduate and one graduate, for the following reasons: 1) It's already difficult to find undergraduates interested in serving on committees. This year, the SGA managed to fill about three quarters of the student seats, but they were not able to fill either of the student seats on the Library Committee; 2) Most committees with multiple student seats have some special reason for having student seats (e.g., Curriculum has one such seat for each subcommittee, Students Affairs has four because they need to work very closely with the student government). Having 2 student seats on the Library Committee seems a bit arbitrary. 3) Graduate students have a clear interest in the library, because they need to use it so much for their research. It seems strange to have both Library Committee student seats elected by undergraduates. 4) The SGA leadership has no problem with this proposal.

- Under functions and responsibilities, the committee made a change to item 3. They believe that calling the committee a hearing board implies that they would make rulings about grievances, but they are an advisory body.