

Annual Report to the Faculty Senate – Library Committee

To: The Faculty Senate, CCSU

From: Matthew Ciscel (on behalf of the Library Committee)

Date: April 24, 2013 (for the April 29 Senate meeting)

Committee Members:

Jason Sawyer (Physical Education and Human Performance) (13), Co-Chair

Matthew Ciscel (English) (13), Co-Chair

Brian Folker (English) (13)

Kurt Love (Teacher Education) (14)

Charles Menoche (Music) (14)

Fiona Pearson (Sociology) (14)

Paul Petterson (Political Science) (14)

Carl Antonucci (Director of Library Services; ex-officio/non-voting)

2 students

Note: The committee made multiple requests throughout the year for the SGA to provide the committee with two student members, but none were identified and none attended meetings.

Committee 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 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.

Meetings:

October 2, 2012

Present: Sawyer, Ciscel, Menoche, Pearson, Antonucci

November 6, 2012

Present: Sawyer, Ciscel, Folker, Love, Antonucci

March 21, 2013

Present: Sawyer, Ciscel, Folker, Menoche, Petterson (Pearson on sabbatical)

April 18, 2013

Present: Sawyer, Ciscel, Folker, Menoche, Petterson, Antonucci (Pearson on sabbatical)

Guests: Kristin D'Amato and Chip Marlor

Committee Activities:

During committee meetings, the director updated faculty on events and activities in the library, but also addressed concerns brought by the faculty from their departments and schools. Broad topics of discussion included:

- Ongoing and potential future renovations to the existing library building
- The impact of potential cuts to the library budget, including the Spring Semester call for faculty to evaluate subscriptions to print journals and periodicals for possible reductions
- The gradual shift toward increased digital and electronic resources in the library collection, particularly how to balance the shift across various collections to make sure the formats that are most likely to be used in teaching and research are available
- Keeping the faculty and students, more broadly, informed about library resources and engaged in decisions and procedures related to the library
- The new book crossing zone on the second floor of the library and wider availability of technology (notebooks and readers) that can be checked out or borrowed in the library
- The recent designation of the library as a Literary Landmark

In general, the discussion has been open and engaging for members on both the faculty and library sides, verifying the valuable role of the committee in coordinating library issues with the faculty. For next year, particular emphasis might be put on bringing students into the discussion as well by putting greater pressure on the SGA to send representatives.