

## CCSU Library Committee

The Library Committee is a standing committee of the CCSU Faculty. Membership consists of seven teaching faculty elected by the faculty senate to two-year terms on a staggered basis. This year's members, elected in 2013 and 2014, are listed in the table below.

<i>member</i>	<i>department</i>	<i>term</i>
Marian Anton	Mathematical Sciences	2013-15
Carl Antonucci	Library	ex officio
Emily Cahill	undergraduate student	2014-15
Pat Foster	Technology & Eng. Ed.	2013-15
Amy Gagnon	Physical Education	2014-16
Barry Hoopengardner	Biomolecular Sciences	2014-16
Charles Menoche	Music	2014-16
Rae Schipke	English	2013-15
Mike Wizevich	Geological Sciences	2014-16
vacant	graduate student	2014-15

The committee met three times this academic year: October 27, April 13, and April 20. At the October meeting, the committee took three organizing actions: I was elected chair; Amy Gagnon was elected secretary; and it was resolved to meet twice per term.

Due to scheduling conflicts I decided to move our second meeting to January; then, due to procrastination on my part, we did not hold our second meeting until April.

**Discussion topics.** Below is a list of those topics we discussed during at least two meetings. Further details are included in the minutes taken by Amy Gagnon and circulated to the committee.

- Library services, including collections and web interfaces, as well as promoting an increasingly widespread awareness of these and other, nontraditional services such as 3D-printing.
- Budgetary issues, especially as they pertain to library services.
- Library partnerships with on-campus and off-campus constituents. Partners include academic departments; the ITBD / Downtown Campus; other CSU and Community College campuses; and the Friends of the Library group.
- Organizational-structure changes, especially those resulting from the merger of the CSUs and the Community Colleges.
- Renovations to the Elihu Burritt Library building, including ongoing HVAC work, scheduled repurposing of the fourth-floor microfilm room into classroom space with videoconferencing capabilities, and plans for a bridge connecting Burritt to a proposed engineering building.

**Actions.** The committee took two actions during the academic year:

- Based on Carl Antonucci's suggestion, we requested a budget presentation, which was presented to us by librarians Kristin D'Amato and Kristina Edwards on April 20.
- We identified recommendations related to the committee's purview.

**Recommendations.** Among the responsibilities of this committee is “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.”

1. We recommend that future budget plans recognize the library not only as an information repository, but also as symbolic of CCSU's aspiration to become a (more) “serious academic environment,” a traditional hallmark of which is a robust library.  
 This recommendation is made with the understanding that budget cuts are inevitable; and that budgeting is a “zero-sum game.”  
 We also recognize that traditional facilities and resources are giving way to digital collections and other electronic resources, which are often no less expensive; and that library staff have already made substantial cuts.
2. We recommend that the library be mentioned on the ccsu.edu home page.  
 (We note that a link to the library is currently accessible by clicking the “appDrawer” in the upper left-hand corner of the page.)  
 We believe that this can be accomplished without cluttering the page. Examples include adding a “Library” tab under the News pane; including a graphic link on the bottom of the page (a la “Commencement 2015 Information”—this could be a revolving link); or reinstating the link in the masthead, where it had been in the past.
3. We recommend that in promotional materials, the university continue to present the Elihu Burritt Library as among CCSU's points of pride.

**New members.** Faculty members Marian Anton, Pat Foster, and Rae Schipke have completed their two-year terms on the committee, and student Emily Cahill has completed her one-year term. The open faculty seats were filled via the April 27 vote of the CCSU Faculty Senate:

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tba	undergraduate student	2015-16
tba	graduate student	2015-16
Elizabeth Brewer	English	2015-17
Pat Foster	Technology & Eng. Ed.	2015-17
Robbin Smith	Political Science	2015-17

New student members will be appointed in the fall.

**Chair's note.** I thank each member of the committee for his or her service. In particular, I'm very grateful for Amy Gagnon's work as the committee secretary.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Foster, chair, on behalf of the 2014-2015 Library Committee