

Faculty Senate Library Committee Annual Report 2018-2019

The Library Committee is a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. It was serviced by seven passionate professors and members this school year including:

Elizabeth Olson	English	Chair
Brian Osoba	Economics	Secretary
Carl Antonucci	Library Director	Ex-Officio
Amy Gagnon	Physical Education and Human Performance	
Steven Johnson	Engineering	
Charles Menoche	Music	
John Mitrano	Sociology	
Michael Wizevich	Geological Sciences	

Jacquelyn Daniels Undergraduate
Graduate Student (Vacant)

The Library Committee met five times this year, with an additional meeting with the NEASC/NECHE accreditation team during their campus visit on September 25th, 2018. The five other days that the committee met were: September 24th, 2018; November 13th, 2018; February 19th, 2019; March 19th, 2019; and April 16th, 2019.

Main Points of Meeting Topics:

- **Library Director's Report**—Each meeting, the committee received a report from Carl Antonucci, Library Director, regarding the Library's projects, budgets, and concerns. These reports were useful to keep faculty on the committee informed about events and topics to bring back to their home departments, as well as to generate ideas for ways the committee can collaborate with Library staff. One document that was shared and discussed at multiple meetings was a report written by Ben Tyson (Professor of Communication), Renata Vickrey (University Archivist), and Sai Lekha Shunkishela (undergraduate student) who analyzed data from an online library survey conducted during November 2018. Nearly 1,000 students completed the survey. One finding of particular interest to the committee was that there is no great need to change the library's hours; almost 70 percent of respondents provided a response of "Very satisfied", "Satisfied" or "Neither satisfied or dissatisfied" when asked about the library's current operating hours.
- **Outreach and Advocacy**—Following successful planning sessions with President Toro in the 2017-2018 academic year, the committee continued to meet with administrators and stakeholders to communicate the Library's vital role at CCSU and its ongoing budgetary and space needs. To that end, we met with Provost Dauwalder on March 19th, 2019, and we met with the NEASC/NECHE accreditation team during their campus visit. Along with Librarians who attended these meetings and reported specific data on usage and cost of resources, the committee explained CCSU's unique needs within the CCSU system. Our faculty are exceptionally active researchers, which means we require journal and database subscriptions that other institutions in the system

do not, so we cannot share costs for some items. The Library staff shared detailed pictures of their our database and journal costs and explained how contracts are negotiated and the (often annual) rising fees for subscriptions.

- **Renovations**—The committee frequently discussed the need for the Library to regain control over its space once other campus renovations are complete and the third floor classrooms are no longer needed in the Library. President Toro supported this project when the committee met with her during the 2017-2018 academic year. To this end, the committee plans to invite Sal Cintorino to a future meeting to begin planning ways to use the third floor space.
- **Library Liaison Support**—One of the committee's chief projects and roles this past year was designing better guidelines for departmental library liaisons to collect book/resource orders from their colleagues. We created a Library Liaison Pocket Guide and reassessed the frequency at which we should hold Liaison's Receptions. Because attendance at the receptions have waned since the first one in 2016, we decided to hold off on planning another one until the fall 2019 semester. The committee also met with Kristina Edwards in the fall to hold a focus group and planning discussion for an online system for library liaisons to submit resource requests.

Action Items:

- Continue to host a Library Liaison's Reception annually.
- Distribute an updated Library Liaison Pocket Guide annually.
- Support the library staff in any events or educational tasks as needed including feedback and ideas as we help make our library the learning center of our campus.
- Continue advocating for the library's needs to administrators, accrediting agencies, and staff in Facilities (as needed)

Recommendations: In order to fulfill our duties as a recommending committee to the vice president, the Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends the following:

- The Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends support from the Faculty Senate to begin planning for future use of the third floor Library space. The Library should have control over the design, vision, and purpose for that floor.

New Members:

- The committee report was due before the announcement of new members. We currently have several members returning (see the table below) but we have not yet determined officers for the next academic year.

Member	Department	Term ending
Elizabeth Olson	English Chair	May 2020
Brian Osoba	Economics Secretary	May 2019
Carl Antonucci	Library Director Ex-Officio	
Amy Gagnon	Physical Education and Human Performance	May 2020
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In closing, I would like to thank Brian Osoba for his extra effort as secretary and everyone on the committee for their positive brainstorming sessions. I'd also like to thank Carl Antonucci and his entire staff for their amazing work.

This report was prepared by Elizabeth Olson, Chair 2018-2019.