

California State University, Northridge Faculty Senate Library Committee

Annual Summary Report Academic Year 2013-2014

Report submitted by Susan Auerbach, Chair
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Committee Members: Academic year 2013-2014

Susan Auerbach (Chair), Educational Leadership & Policy, 2014, Elected by EDUC
David Bermudes, Biology, 2015, Elected by S&M
Annette Besnilian, Family Consumer Sciences, 2016, Elected by HHD
Joyce Broussard, History, 2014, Elected by S&BS (resigned Feb. 2014, not replaced)
Karen Carpenter, Cinema and Television Arts, Elected by Senate
Hsin-Hui Chiu, Finance, RE and Insurance, Elected by B&E
Charles Hatfield, English, 2015, Elected by Senate
Mohamed Hegab, Civil Engineering and Applied Mech., 2014, Elected by E&CS
Ellen Jarosz, Library, 2015, Elected by Oviatt Library
Mario Ontiveros, Art, 2016, Elected by AMC
Adrian Perez Boluda, Modern & Classical Languages, 2015, Elected by HUM
Mark Stover, Oviatt Library, Dean & Executive Secretary, Non-Voting
Marianne Afifi, Oviatt Library, Associate Dean, Non-Voting
James Lunsford, Oviatt Library, Recording Secretary, Non-Voting

Note: The Committee was not assigned any representatives by Associated Students this year. It appears that we need to request this directly from AS at the start of each year as it does not happen automatically.

Meeting Dates

All meetings began at 2:00 p.m. in the Oviatt Library Administration Conference Room 373:
September 4, 2013
October 2, 2013
November 6, 2013
February 5, 2014
March 5, 2014
April 2, 2014

Summary of Activities

The most notable accomplishment of the Library Committee this year was gaining Faculty Senate approval of the Resolution in Support of Open Access for Faculty Publications. This voluntary (opt-in) policy strongly encourages CSUN faculty to publish in peer reviewed open access journals or those that allow open access archiving and to submit journal articles to Scholarworks, the university's open access repository, as soon as possible after acceptance for publication. This was the first such resolution in the CSU system and puts CSUN in the company

of a growing number of universities around the world with open access policies, including the UC system.

Throughout 2013-14, as in past years, Dean Stover informed the committee about Library events, special exhibitions, gifts, grant awards, general updates and an overview of the Library's budget and strategic plan. Particularly exciting were updates on the highly positive response by students, faculty, and staff to the new Learning Commons. Dean Stover also arranged for guest presentations by Library staff on a range of topics, based on Committee members' interests (see below).

- September 4, 2013 meeting
 - It was announced that the grand opening of the Learning Commons would be October 3, 2013.
 - There was continuing discussion of the Resolution in Support of Open Access for Faculty Publications, including briefing new committee members on the issue and debating additional edits to the resolution. It was noted that President Harrison's signing of the international Berlin Declaration on open access might help bring support to our resolution. A final committee vote on the edited resolution was deferred to the next meeting so new members could read background materials.
 - There was discussion of a letter from Scott Perez in Research and Grants in response to our request and the ambiguity around whether/how any indirect costs from external grants get allocated to the Library. Follow up was planned.
 - Members ranked topics of interest for Committee presentations.

- October 2, 2013 meeting:
 - There was further discussion of the Resolution in Support of Open Access for Faculty Publications, including implications for professors' copyright on articles and working with publisher agreements. It was noted that Andrew Weiss' office can negotiate with publishers for open access archiving both before and after publication. The Committee approved an edited version of the Resolution to be submitted to Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
 - There was further discussion on next steps to take regarding indirect costs and the Library, including approval of a letter in response to Scott Perez' letter.

- November 6, 2013 meeting:
 - Open Access: it was reported that Library has 45% success rate in being able to deposit articles from professors' CVs into the Scholarworks open access repository. It was noted that the move toward open access is problematic in some disciplines, however, faculty are permitted to embargo publications that they do not wish made immediately available. The Committee planned to bring the resolution to FS Executive Committee prior to a first reading at Faculty Senate.
 - Members were given a list of all reference items withdrawn from the first floor to make room for the Learning Commons. It was noted that librarians regularly consult with faculty when withdrawing major items and that withdrawn items are donated to the Friends of the Library bookstore or similar groups.

- Results from Faculty and Student Surveys re: Learning Commons, which were late in being compiled, were discussed. Half of students responding said they need very quiet areas for study; 90% of students said they own or have access to laptops but do not always bring them to campus. The Library is rethinking whether large computer labs are still needed. The Committee asked that there be more time for our input on the next faculty survey on Library services.
- February 5, 2014 meeting:
 - Transitions were announced: resignation of Committee member Joyce Broussard due to teaching conflict; early retirement of Associate Dean Afifi; and appointment of Mario Ontiveros to represent Committee at remaining Faculty Senate meetings of 2013-14 due to Chair's partial disability leave.
 - The mission, bylaws, and overall role of the Committee in relation to this document were discussed. The document that has been in effect for many years is extremely short and vague. It was suggested that we need to update this document to clarify our charge and actual activities, especially as related to advisement, advocacy, and oversight. The Committee brainstormed provisions for an updated document.
- At the March 5, 2014 meeting:
 - The Friends of the Library bookstore will close permanently March 28, 2014.
 - There was further discussion of the Committee's mission and bylaws, with edits suggested to the draft. It was noted that the proposed draft is longer than that of many standing Faculty Senate committees. However, the Committee felt the revised draft better reflected our sense of partnership with Library staff and administration and a more open and flexible mission, and it was decided to move forward with the revisions.
 - The Faculty Senate's approval of the Resolution on Open Access for Faculty Publications was officially announced. Both the Chair and the Dean presented information on open access and the resolution at the Senate meeting, where there were only a few questions and only a few no votes.
 - There was discussion of a breakdown of the Acquisitions Budget, and the Committee agreed that we should review this document every spring.
- April 2, 2014 meeting:
 - The Committee decided to submit only the revised mission statement for the Library Committee to Faculty Senate Executive Committee in fall, 2014, rather than full bylaws, due to FS procedural limitations.
 - There was extensive discussion on implementation of the Resolution in Support of Open Access for Faculty Publications, specifically steps the Library and Committee could take to improve the rate of faculty participation in Scholarworks (currently estimated at 10%). It was agreed that:
 - David Bermudes would create an informative Open Access e-mail template that could be sent to all Deans to encourage faculty participation.
 - Dean Stover will create a link on the Faculty page of Library web site to the resolution, Scholarworks, the Open Access Ppt, etc.

- Andrew Weiss will update the PowerPoint on Open Access and provide a participation analytic to the Committee
- Committee members will seek ways to promote the Open Access resolution in their Colleges and departments and will report back to the Committee in fall, 2014
- The Committee elected Charles Hatfield as Chair for 2014-15.

Guest Speakers/Presentations

- At the September meeting, Dean Stover and Assoc. Dean Afifi took members on a tour of the new Learning Commons.
- At the October meeting, Christina Mayberry presented on How Library Resources and Services Integrate into Moodle. At minimum, professors were urged to add links to the “Ask a Librarian” and course guide into their Moodle sites. In addition, Ms. Mayberry demonstrated how to embed Library videos, articles, tutorials, etc. into Moodle.
- At the November meeting, Lauren Magnuson presented on Emerging Technologies in the Library. These included the laptops and tablets available for loan in the Learning Commons; digital way-finding kiosks; the upcoming construction of a Digital Creative Commons for video editing, green screen filming, and audio recording/mixing; SIPX system for searching copyright information; enhancements to OneSearch on the Library web site; and software available in an Open Source Sandbox.
- At the February meeting, Christina Mayberry, Collection Development Coordinator, presented on the Library Acquisitions Budget. She noted there has been no increase in the Library base budget since 2001 and that it has had to absorb an additional 10% to make up for some subscription costs previously paid by the Chancellor’s Office. Due to limited space, there is a push toward more electronic acquisitions; however, these are not always available or affordable, particularly certain databases whose costs have been skyrocketing. A proposal is in the works to centralize some acquisitions through the Chancellor’s Office, which could take some pressure off the Library budget.
- At the March meeting, Steve Kutay, Digital Services Librarian, presented on Digitization and the CSUN Digital Archives. He noted that digital collections increase access, help with preservation, and guide users to physical archive holdings. Digital collections include not only scanned documents and databases but various types of metadata. Kutay showed the Committee examples from the San Fernando Valley History Digital Library, the International Guitar Research Archives, etc. and explained how digital archives could be used in the classroom, as with the Guided Resource Inquiry tool.
- At the April meeting, Andrew Weiss reviewed current Open Access models in use at universities worldwide and presented information on the Open Journal System platform that the Library has been testing.