

# Faculty Senate Library Committee Annual Summary Report

Academic Year 2022-2023

California State University, Northridge

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## Committee Members: Academic Year 2022-2023

- **Abel Franco (Chair)**, Philosophy, elected by College of Humanities
- **Ruting Jia**, Electrical & Computer Engineering, elected by College of Engineering & Computer Science
- **Mark Stover**, University Library Dean, Executive Secretary, Non-Voting
- **Jamie Johnson**, elected by University Library
- **Melissa Takahashi**, Biology, elected by College of Science and Mathematics
- **Del Williams**, Senate Executive Committee (SEC) liaison
- **Sanjay Jain**, Management, elected by David Nazarian College of Business and Economics
- **Chin-hsin Liu**, Anthropology, elected by College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- **Aglaia Mortcheva**, Cinema and Television Arts, elected by Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication
- **Rika Meyer**, Child & Adolescent Development, elected by Faculty Senate
- **Vanessa Goodwin**, Special Education, elected by Michael D. Eisner College of Education
- **Rosalia Garcia-Torres**, Family and Consumer Sciences, elected by Health & Human Development
- **Suyan Zheng**, elected by Faculty Senate
- **Yvette Tran**, Associated Students representative
- **Recording Secretary: Gina Flores**

## Meeting Dates

- September 7, 2022
- October 12, 2022
- November 2, 2022
- December 7, 2022 (Cancelled)
- February 1, 2023
- March 1, 2023
- April 5, 2023
- May 3, 2023 (Cancelled)

All meetings began at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

## Summary of Activities

Dean Stover provided the FSLC with updates throughout 2022-23 regarding the Library's budget and projected funding, special exhibitions and events, current initiatives, grant awards, renovation activities, pandemic protocols, and its strategic plan. Committee members raised questions, exchanged concerns, and discussed relevant issues. The committee passed motions to allow absence to a few members due to class scheduling conflict. A series of guest presentations by Library staff was arranged on a range of topics, based on committee members' preferences.

### September 7, 2022 meeting via Zoom:

- Library Dean Mark Stover made welcome remarks, announcement of Abel Franco as the new committee chair, announcement of Del Williams as the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) liaison, and introductions by committee members.
- The 2021-22 academic year Annual Summary Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.
- In the Dean's Report, Mark Stover provided an overview of the Library Portico construction project, the Freudian Sip operations, and mask policy.
- A topics of interest survey was distributed for the committee to select their top five presentation topics for future meetings.
- A motion was raised as to whether the FSLC meetings should remain fully on Zoom, or as a hybrid option. Voting results: 4 were in favor of remaining on Zoom only, and 2 were in favor of the hybrid option. The meetings will remain fully on Zoom, and a reevaluation will take place in the spring semester.
- Regarding the two members currently on a sabbatical, a motion was raised to approve Chin-hsin's one-semester leave from the committee and to consult with the Faculty Senate president on Ali's year-long absence. Voting results: The motion passed with 6 members in favor.
- Mark will get in touch with Michael Neubauer to determine whether Ali is eligible to remain on the FSLC, or if the college will need to elect a new member.
- Upcoming Library events were announced, including:
  - Special Collections & Archives 2022-2023 Exhibit, "The Politics of Low and Slow," curated by CSUN Chicano/a/x Studies Professor Denise Sandoval. Located in the West Wing of the Library's 2nd Floor, the exhibit celebrates Chicano lowrider culture in Los Angeles. The exhibit opening reception is planned for Sunday, October 9 from noon to 3:00 p.m.
  - The [Creative Maker Studio](#) Launch Party will be held on September 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
  - The CSUN Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) fall event, "[Get Career Wise](#)" will be held on September 14 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. in the USU Northridge Center, West Valley Room.

- The Karin J. Duran and Richard Nupoll [Endowed Education Librarian reception](#) will be held on September 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the TCC/M&M foyer, celebrating the first endowed librarian position in the CSU system.
- The Library is sponsoring the [10th Annual Banned Books Readout](#), along with CSUN Journalism, Pride Center, and Queer Studies, on September 29 from 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. in the USU Theatre. This year’s theme is “Belonging on the Shelf,” with special guest speaker Karimah Tennyson-Marsh.
- The 14th Annual Research Fellows will be held on October 13 from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. in the Ferman Presentation Room. Librarian Christina Hennessey is among the Fellows this year.

### **October 12, 2022 meeting via Zoom:**

- General announcements included the cancellation of Associated Students “Big Show” concert for 2022. A spring “Big Prom” event will be held as an alternative.
- Special guest speaker: Learning Commons Lead Eva Cohen provided an overview of the various services and features of the Library's Creative Maker Studio. This fall, the student assistants and staff from the University Library's Creative Maker Studio will host 14 different student-led workshops on creative software and topics from Monday, November 7th to Friday, November 18th.
- In the Dean’s Report, Mark Stover announced additional collaborative study spaces have been added to the Library, including the 2nd Floor and the 4th Floor Quiet Study Lounge on the East Wing. All plans for new centers in the Library, including the Digital Innovation and Scholarship Hub (DISH), are currently on hold until building fire code issues and necessary safety upgrades are completed. Red flags were recently identified by the Library's project architect, with the need to bring the Library up to code. This is partly due to the fact that building occupancy is higher than it was when the building was constructed and the campus population has increased. The cost for this renovation is estimated at \$6M, with a 3-year completion time. Some funding for this project may come from the campus or the Chancellor's Office. A feasibility study will be done, along with more architect consultation. Currently, the Library is still considered a safe place.
- Upcoming Library events include:
  - Thursday, October 13: 14th Annual Research Fellows Colloquium, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., University Library Ferman Presentation Room
  - Saturday, October 29: Copyright & Creativity for K-12 Educators: Creating Ethical Digital Citizens and Content Creators, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

### **November 2, 2022 meeting via Zoom:**

- General announcements included:

- A motion was raised per past protocol on whether to cancel the December Faculty Senate Library Committee meeting, in order to focus on finals. All were in favor of cancelling the next meeting on December 7.
  - The 2022 CSUN-LSAMP Research Symposium is coming up on November 17.
  - Associated Students Finance Department is seeking committee members from select colleges, including Business and Economics, Humanities, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.
  - A reminder to faculty that students may access librarian assistance 24/7.
- Guest speakers: Librarian Nancy Young and staff member Anthony Ivankovic presented on “How the Library Supports Deaf Studies.”
  - An additional guest speaker Librarian Nicole Shibata presented the Library Strategic Plan Focus Group to capture the opinions of faculty. Three questions were posed to FSLC members to gather feedback:
    - What has been your best experience with the Library, and what made the experience so positive?
    - What could the Library do to contribute to your students' academic success, and your own success as an educator and researcher?
    - Beyond their academic success, what do you think the Library's role should be in supporting students holistically in their professional, critical, and creative abilities?
  - In the Dean’s Report, Mark Stover shared:
    - The Library has made great progress on the [CSUN Leaders Oral History Project](#). Many interviews have been conducted, including the early leaders of the University.
    - A mural installation in the Library is being planned to honor the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. \$50,000 in funds has been raised to support this project. An RFP was developed in consultation with the University Art Collection Commission. A selection panel will be assigned to review artist applications. The estimated mural installation is expected in summer 2023.
    - The Library will be celebrating GIS Day on November 16 in collaboration with the Geography Department. Event details TBA.
  - New business: Librarian Jamie Johnson will share Library resources via email following the meeting.

**February 1, 2023 meeting via Zoom:**

- General announcements included:
  - Aglaia Mortcheva was awarded a grant to work with the Art Department and the Bradley Center on a multimedia project on the origins of Kwanza. This project is supported by the CSUN Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative.
  - Welcome to the committee's new Faculty Senate representative Rosalia Garcia-Torres
  - A motion was raised to approve Suyan's one-semester leave from the committee due to a class schedule conflict. Voting results: The motion passed with 9 members in favor.
  
- Librarians Lisa Cheby and Brianna Limas presented on the topic of “Library Outreach Program to Local Schools.”
  - Brianna provided an overview of local school community Library tours and instruction and the High School Book Borrowing Program.
  - Lisa shared outreach activities to engage and connect with local educators, through the Library's Teacher Curriculum Center. She developed a Resource Guide for educators.
  
  - Q & A session:
    - How many high school students are being reached? There are approximately 1,000 students coming in for tours on an annual basis.
    - How does the Library do outreach to local schools? A program is being developed, but as of now, the schools are reaching out to us.
    - Is the audience K-12, or only high schoolers? All are welcome.
    - Can home schooled groups come in for tours? Yes.
  
- In the Dean’s Report, Mark Stover announced: Library construction on the portico will be ending soon. A commitment was made by Campus Facilities and Construction to finish by May 2023, in time for graduation ceremonies. Progress has been made to reopen the grand staircase and West entry ramp this month.
  
- Upcoming Library events include:
  - Friday, February 10, 2023: In Conversation about the 1619 Project with Nikole Hannah-Jones, 3:00 p.m., Location: Plaza Del Sol Performance Hall, USU. Sponsored by a Diversity & Equity Innovation Grant. Co-sponsored by the University Library and the Tom & Ethel Bradley Center.

- Tuesday, February 14, 2023: A History of African American Resistance Through Music, featuring The Cookies, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Cyprus Hall. Co-sponsored by the University Library, CSUN Music Department, the Tom & Ethel Bradley Center, and the USU.
- Tuesday, February 21, 2023: Rebel Vision: Black Female & Non-Binary Photographers - a Photographic Presentation and Conversation with Tara Pixley, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., CSUN Black House.
- Physical and Virtual Book Black History Month Book Display – features accomplished writers, leaders, and scholars that highlight the journey and showcase numerous contributions of the Black experience.
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023: Teacher Curriculum Center Open House, 3:30 to 6:00pm, TCC / Music & Media.
- Tuesday, 3/14/23: CSUN WISE Pi Day, 4:00-5:30pm Clubs, Games, Prizes + Pie, 6:00-8:00pm Networking Mixer, USU Grand Salon.
- Wednesday, 3/15/23: Bradley Center Spring Event featuring Luis Valdez, American playwright, actor, writer and film director. 7:30pm, CSUN Theatre.

### **March 2, 2023 meeting via Zoom:**

- General announcements included the possibility of having the Faculty Senate Library Committee meetings for fall 2023 in-person.
- Kathy Dabbour, Associate Dean of the Library provided a Library facility update with the latest information on renovations and additions:
  - The South Portico: Due to continuing construction on the portico, access to the Library's main entrance is currently from the ramp located on the east side of the building. See building access map with detailed directions.
  - Sometime during Spring Semester, likely by the middle of March, the Grand Staircase and most of the Library Portico will re-open, along with the southwest ramp. The northwest ramp will continue to be blocked while repaving and other work takes place.
  - The entire portico project is supposed to be completed by the end of spring semester in time for commencement.
  - Access to the Library's Pickup Lockers continues from the east-side portico, just north of the main entrance. However, sometime this spring, date TBD, they will move back to their original location, next to the main entrance.
  - All materials borrowed via ILL and CSU+ will continue to be picked up from the lockers.

- For the Library's main collection, users have the option to request that the items are paged by Library employees and held at the GS desk or placed in lockers for pickup. The lockers are available 6am to 10pm 7 days/week. Library users are still welcome to identify books needed in OneSearch and browse the shelves themselves.
- The Jack & Florence Ferman Presentation Room was closed for four months from November through March for reservations while the west wing elevator was being repaired since there was no accessible alternate entrance to the lower level. News Flash: It will be closed for AV upgrades and re-carpeting during the summer.
- Due to water damage to the lower level carpeting, in addition to the Ferman, the grand staircase, foyer, and graduate study room and faculty carrels will be re-carpeted this summer.
- The 2nd floor core study area was upgraded last summer: new carpeting and additional modular and wired seating for collaborative study.
- Quiet Study Lounge upgrades: Sometime this summer, the 4th floor east wing, now known as the Quiet Study Lounge (the former location of the reserves checkout desk) will replace some of its desk seating with 20 wired for charging study pods that were paid for out of CQF funds at about \$133,000:  
<https://www.steelcase.com/products/lounge-chairs/brody/>  
<https://www.agati.com/privacy-pods/>
- Plus, a custom designed pod that is ADA compliant.
- We have submitted another CQF proposal for additional pods and upgraded long desks and chairs.
- Future plans: apply for a third and final CQF to replace old lounge furniture with more pods or upgraded lounge seating.

#### Q & A session:

- Will the Library lockers continue the same services, post-COVID? Yes.
- What are some space recommendations for students in the Library in a Zoom session? If the students have headphones, and do not need to speak, they can use any quiet space in the Library. There are many reservable study rooms available, as well. Graduate students have the option to use the dedicated Grad Study Rooms in the Garden Level.
- Are there any spaces just for faculty to use? Yes, there are some carrels in the Grad Study Room, which can be reserved through Guest Services.

- How is the quiet space policy enforced? A noise complaint can be made by notifying Guest Services. Calling extension #2274 is the fastest way to get attention, or there is also the option to text a Librarian at (818) 900-2965.
- In the Dean's Report, Mark Stover shared upcoming Library events:
  - Women's History Month Virtual & Physical [Book Display](#)
  - March 13: Unlocking the Power of State-Provided Online Databases: A Guide for Teachers, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., [RSVP](#).
  - March 14: CSUN WISE [Pi Day](#) + Pie & Mixer, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., USU Grand Salon.
  - March 15: Luis Valdez: Aesthetics of El Teatro Campesino, 7:30 p.m., CSUN Theatre | [RSVP](#)

#### **April 5, 2023 meeting via Zoom:**

- No announcements were shared.
- Abel Franco received a nomination for the 2023-24 FSLC Chair role. A motion was raised to elect Abel. The motion was passed with all voting members in favor.
- The committee voted to forgo a formal meeting in May, and to reconvene in the fall of 2023.
- In new business, it was noted that some of the members' terms on the committee will end this year. It was also suggested to have hybrid (face-to-face) FSLC meetings in the fall.
- Jamie Skeggs, Director of Library Administrative Operations, provided a detailed overview of the Library's budget and operational expenses.
  - The University Library is one of the largest budgets in the CSU and one of the largest Student Assistant employers on campus.
  - The presentation outlined a variety of current projects, including renovations in the Ferman Presentation Room, Labs A, B, and C.
  - There was an overview of allocations and revenue.
  - Examples of operating expenses for FY 22/23 were outlined such as Library acquisitions, information technology costs, equipment, and contractual services.
  - There was an overview of current Campus Quality Fee (CQF) initiatives and included: Library services laptop refresh, Library computer refresh, Reserve textbook project, Library extended hours for finals, Tech furniture for Quiet Study space, and Library Assistive Technology Rooms Magnifier refresh.
  - Please feel free to contact Jamie Skeggs with any questions or feedback.
- In the Dean's Report, Mark Stover announced:



- The Spotlight on Ukraine: History, Politics, and the Path Forward panel discussion is sponsored by the Friends of the Library scheduled April 25, 2023 at 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room.
- The Ferman Presentation room is now open and available for reservations. New carpet and A/V equipment upgrades will be installed in the summer. Please contact Carina Becerra for assistance with room reservations.
- Construction in front of the Library is in progress and scheduled to be completed at the end of April.