

Annual Report: Academic Year 2013-2014

Davis Division: Academic Senate

Committee on Library

Total Meetings: 2	Meeting frequency: As needed.	Average hours of committee work each quarter: 8 hours per quarter.
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Total of 2 proposals reviewed.	Total of reviewed items deferred from the previous year: None	Total items deferred to the coming academic year: None
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Bylaw changes proposed - None

New committee policies established or revised - None

Issues considered by the committee

1. Open Access Policy
2. Library Strategic Plan
3. Library/Faculty Communication
4. Google Books Project
5. Collection Budget
6. Taylor & Francis Journals
7. Times of London Rankings

Committee's narrative:

The Academic Senate Committee on the Library is charged with advising the Vice Provost regarding the administration of the Library on the Davis campus. It is further charged with advising the University Librarian regarding removal and storage of library holdings, and to perform other duties relative to the Library as may be committed to the Senate by proper authority.

The Library Committee met twice in 2013-2014 and conducted other business via email. The Open Access Policy that was passed by the Academic Council in July 2013 has been implemented on three campuses - UCI, UCLA, and UCSF. These campuses will be working with e-scholarship and California Digital Library (CDL) as pilots. The remaining sister campuses are expected to be participating in open access by Nov. 2014. The GSA rep on the Library Committee indicated that an expansion of the policy to include graduate students was desired by the GSA and a resolution to that effect was passed by the GSA. Compliance so far in depositing articles has been low. The CDL has purchased a "harvester" developed by Symplectic, which will identify articles newly published by UC faculty. When the harvester finds an article it will send the author an email request to deposit a version of it in accordance with the UC Open Access Policy.

Library Strategic Plan: The Library Committee met with University Librarian MacKenzie Smith and learned that the library is being reorganized to provide better service and consistent coverage to its clientele and to improve its governance. A student survey was done last year and a faculty survey is due this year.

Taylor and Francis Journals: During the spring and summer 2013 UC canceled its systemwide contract with Taylor & Francis, a publisher representing just over one thousand journals. As a result, there was an 80% overall reduction in titles available to the UC Davis community, with as much as 90% fewer in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Oftentimes the library relies on subject librarians to recommend core journals. However, decisions regarding which titles to cut were made by librarians with limited consultation with faculty but the

Library contends that there was a short time to negotiate. The committee discussed ways to establish a more proactive and consultative process. For example, if a faculty member finds a canceled journal essential to his or her field, he or she should contact the appropriate library subject specialist to have the subscription restored. A list of current subscriptions to Taylor and Francis electronic journals is available through this link:

<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/about/colltran/collections/taylorfrancis.php>

Library/Faculty Communication Strategies and Ejournals: There was a consensus that it was important for decisions regarding journal subscriptions to reflect both use patterns and faculty research needs. The question is how the Library can get faculty input more efficiently. The committee discussed a variety of options for soliciting faculty perspectives and for measuring the use and value of individual journal titles. Last fall the Library emailed department chairs and departmental library liaisons regarding ejournal subscriptions. Faculty response was low. Surveying departments annually and asking them for a list of top 10 journals they could NOT live without might be one way of achieving the goal. Other committee members felt that emailing and surveying would not be as effective as automated processes. CDL has a negotiating team for ejournals and uses an algorithm which assigns a value index to titles. The UC Davis Library measures ejournal downloads and ILL requests. It was suggested that the Library could identify the journals in which faculty publish and the journals cited in faculty publications. For the present the Library will continue to use automated measures and will invite faculty comment via emails to department chairs and departmental library liaisons when contracts are being renegotiated. The Library Committee notes that Interlibrary Loan service and the responsiveness of the Library to requests were very good. Interlibrary loan can provide access to material in cancelled journals though it is not a substitute for subscriptions.

Google Books Project – Out-of-copyright books and journals are being digitized in a partnership with Google. Digitized books will be available as viewable full-text through HathiTrust. In response to rumors that digitized books were to be

discarded after scanning, Librarian M. Smith reassured the committee that scanned books are returned to the UC Davis University Library and are not being considered for removal.

Collection Budget: The library collections budget has been flat and underfunded for a while. This year the Library got an increase to its collection budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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