

CERJ Advice on Membership on the Library Committee
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This is in response to several questions concerning membership on the Library Committee.

First, a point of clarification. In DDB 83, the chairs of college library committees are not listed as ex-officio (only the University Librarian is). All regular members of a committee are entitled to vote. So, the chair of a college library committee is eligible to vote. In fact, even ex-officio Senate members of committees have voting privileges except where noted in the Bylaws (i.e., administrators). Formal advice provided by CERJ on this matter can be found here:

<http://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/cerj/advice/Ex-Officio-Voting-Redacted.pdf>

Responsibility for determining whether an individual is a non-appointed committee member, as would be the chair of a college library committee, falls to the Committee on Committees, under DDB 40(B):

"The Committee on Committees shall ascertain who are the members ex officio of standing committees and **who are the members and chairpersons of standing committees not subject to appointment by the Committee on Committees** and shall report these names to the Representative Assembly" (emphasis added).

Therefore, if there is some question about the status of a college library committee chair, the question should be referred to the Committee on Committees.