

Senate Libraries Committee

Presentation to the Senate Plenary

November 18, 2016

Updates Since our Last Report

- Budget
- Study Space
- Provost's Advisory Committee on the Libraries
- Strategic Directions for the Libraries

Libraries Budget

- Increased this fiscal year
- Libraries staff have identified some efficiencies
- Funding to begin to move forward on strategic initiatives as recommended by close work with faculty and students over the past year
- Funding opportunities in the to-be-announced campaign

Study Space / Library User Seats

- Office of the Provost review of library space in 2014
- Completed project to add 90 seats in Butler in early 2016
- Completed project to add seats in Science and Engineering Library in Spring 2016
- With the Provost's study as a guide, working on other opportunities to add seats

Committees Working with the Libraries

- **Senate Libraries Committee**
 - Members of Senate committees indicate interest in participating
 - Presentations by Libraries staff and discussions of the ongoing work of the Libraries and issues impacting user experience
- **Student Libraries Advisory Committee**
 - Undergraduate and graduate students from across the University
 - Serves as a forum for addressing student needs directly with Libraries' administration
- **Provost's Advisory Committee on the Libraries**
 - Cross-disciplinary group with term limits, appointed by the Provost
 - Charged with addressing issues of strategic importance to the Libraries in its support of the University's mission

PACL Areas of Focus for 2015-16

- Collections
- Research Support
- Student Services

Student Services Recommendations

- Partnership with curricular oversight committees
- Support for student learning at every level of curriculum and for every kind of student
- Policies and services to reach students who are not physically present on campus when they need library resources
- Process to solicit faculty digital scholarship projects in support of innovation in teaching and research

Collection Development, Management, and Preservation Recommendations

- Standing faculty-librarian subcommittee on collections
- Engagement with faculty on collections strategy
- Considerations for ReCAP offsite shelving facility
- Up-to-date collection development policies
- Codified principles and criteria for digitization
- Processing “hidden collections” for discoverability
- Digitizing unique and at-risk collections to preserve them

Research Support & Faculty Services Recommendations

- Working group – with CUIT and Research Administration – for long term data management across the University
- Integrated library instruction into graduate programs at every level
- Policies for the development of Academic Commons repository
- Subcommittee for research technology infrastructure planning, prioritization, resource allocation, implementation, and governance

Next Steps and Strategic Directions

- Simultaneous process for engaging Libraries staff in strategy
- Provost has accepted report from the PACL
- Report and Strategic Directions will be shared with the entire University community shortly
- Highly engaged groups of faculty and students who are well informed advocates for the work of the Libraries

Strategic Directions

<http://strategicdirections.library.columbia.edu>