



Date: April 3, 2024

To: Prof. Michael Bognanno (Vice-President of Faculty Senate) and Ms. Cheryl Mack (Secretary)

From: Dr. Jay Sinha, Chairperson, Faculty Senate Library Committee

Re: Faculty Senate Library Committee Chair's Report 2023-24 AY

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The following are the members of the Faculty Senate Library Committee as of April 3, 2024:

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**Members that were replaced during this Academic Year:**

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Steven Newman, CLA

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### **AY 2023-24 Activities:**

The FSLC is charged by the Faculty Senate to recommend policy, review and ratify policy changes and advise the Dean of the Libraries and other library administrators on matters of library policy and procedure. Therefore, the Committee has advisory, consultative, and interpretive roles.

During the 2023-24 Academic Year, the Faculty Senate Library Committee convened once in the Fall and twice in the Spring, therefore three times in all, the minutes of which have been appended with this Report. For the February meeting in Spring (on 2/7/24) the Committee met in person (having transitioned from Zoom) at the Charles Library for the first time in more than 3 years, which was a significant event.

The principal highlights of the Library Committee during this AY were the following:

- (1) Review, discuss and provide input to Dean Joe Lucia on Strategic Planning for the library, Budgetary cuts and Staffing issues;
- (2) Discuss and provide input to Jackie Sipes on the Charles Library User Experience to make further improvements for the benefit of student and faculty patrons;
- (3) Discuss and provide input to Steven Bell of the Charles Library regarding Open Education Resource options and library databases;
- (4) FSLC member Cindy Li provided ideas for improving the Library homepage and for addressing the lack of library information in the university's HR orientation for new staff. Steven Bell setup a meeting between himself and Li with Will Guiteras and Eric Brunner from HR. They met and discussed ways to develop an online tutorial for library orientation for new staff members.

The Chair of the Library Committee for the 2024-25 AY will be Gary D. Pratt of the College of Liberal Arts. He was unanimously elected by the attending FSLC members during the meeting of March 27, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

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