

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Senate Committee on the Library
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The Senate Committee on the Library met four times during the 2012-2013 academic year. Members of the Library Committee were also invited to meet with candidates for the Dean of Libraries position and attend the three public lectures presented by the candidates, for a total of six meetings in addition to the four Library Committee meetings. The selection of a Dean of Libraries to replace Paula Kaufman, who is stepping down to assume a full time position in the library, was the primary activity of the Library Committee in 2012-2013.

Issues brought to the attention of the Library Committee in 2012-2013 by the University Librarian include:

- In the early months of 2012-2013 Academic year, 19 Academic Professional and Faculty positions were filled in the library, replacing some of the vacancies resulting in the prior year from the large number of library staff retiring. The total hires did not replace all who left in recent years.
- Data management plans are required in most National Science Foundation grant proposals. The University Librarian chairs the campus Data Stewardship Committee, which currently is preparing a proposal for Vice Chancellor for Research Peter Schiffer, Provost Adesida, and Chancellor Wise for the resources necessary for the campus to carry out its responsibilities to manage data generated by faculty and other researchers. Data ownership questions and other concerns are being explored.
- **Changes in Library/IT Fee Distribution:** The Library/IT student fee came about under former UIUC Provost Linda Katehi, because student Senate members wanted 24-hour access to undergrad and Grainger libraries, among other expansions and improvements in services and content. An Advisory Committee to the Associate Provost for Budget was created to recommend fee allocations to the Provost. Problems arose in the ability of the Advisory Committee to accomplish its mission, including difficulty finding Advisory Committee members because of scheduling conflicts, etc. The fee grew annually until it was capped at its current rate, yet the need for increased funds continued. The Provost decided last year to divide the uncommitted funds between library and CITES and to abandon the Advisory Committee. Additional sources of funding in future years must be identified to support inflationary and other necessary growth increases in the library's budget. Most of the money allocated from the Library/IT fee for inflation this year (75%) went to collections; the rest went to meet other inflationary costs. The fee generates \$12-14-million dollars a year. It was noted that distance students are exempt from the Library /IT fee, even though they use library resources. The committee discussed whether extending the fee to online students would be a good idea. Paula Kaufman does not think it is appropriate to ask on-campus students to pay a higher fee. Going forward, conversations with Provost's Office may be needed to advise on how to meet the library's budget needs.
- The library entered into a year-to-year licensing agreement for Primo, the new Web-Scale Discovery System. Primo unites many library resources in one interface, works with the UI

catalog, and can be used for multiple searches and new item searches. Using Primo, the library can link to several sites that provide things like historical newspapers and other resources. The Library/IT fee helped fund Primo.

- **Budget meeting** in March 2013 with Michael Andrechak, Associate Chancellor & Vice-Provost for Budgets and Resource Planning: Andrechak addressed budget concerns relating to the library: He noted that state budget reductions are likely in the \$12-\$14-million range, on top of cuts in last 5 years. But tuition increases and reduced spending will help level that off in the next few years. The Administration wants to ensure flexibility to weather possible financial storms. Future revenue streams are less clear though, so efforts will have to be made to protect the library. It is not a crisis at this point. The Library/IT fee has not increased in several years, but increasing it will not solve the problem entirely. While we have no clear resolution yet, the University Administration wants to keep the Library as a top priority.
- **Biss legislation for mandated deposit of publications of University research in a public access repository:** The original bill by Illinois State Senator Biss mandated deposit of peer-reviewed publications into a public-access repository, but did not take into account the many exceptions that are common. The amended bill excluded community colleges and focused on the 13 state-funded universities in Illinois. It requires that each Board of Trustees charge a committee no later than January 1, 2014 to study and make recommendations about whether and how to provide open access to the publications and research activities of its faculty and researchers. (Note: The bill has been passed by both chambers and awaits the Governor's approval or veto.)

As of the date of this report, no announcement had been made regarding the appointment of the new Dean of Libraries.

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