

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

Senate Committee on the Library
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LB.18.01 2017-2018 Annual Report

The Senate Committee on the Library (SLC) met five times during the 2017-2018 academic year (October 12, 2017; November 9, 2017; December 7, 2017; February 7, 2018; and April 4, 2018). Details of committee discussions may be found in the meeting minutes. Members of the committee were also invited to volunteer to represent the SLC at the University Library Acquisition Committee meetings. No volunteers were forthcoming, so Chair Weech indicated he would attend, when possible.

Issues brought to the attention of the SLC in 2017-2018 by the University Librarian include:

- In the October 2017 semester, William Mischo, Acting Dean of Libraries and University Librarian, presented information on “The Library Budget in FY18: Concerns and Strengths.” Mischo provided an overview, focusing on budget issues (reductions), collection needs, service initiatives, and plans for the future.
- For the November 2017 meeting, Cherie Weible, Interim Associate University Librarian for User Services and Interim Associate Dean of Libraries, Head of Central Access Services, and Associate Professor, University Library, briefed the committee in Acting Dean William Mischo’s absence on the changes in use of some of the physical spaces in the library. Professor Weible discussed the renovations for Main Library Reading Room 200, Room 220, and the adjacent space to Room 200. Room 220 is to be a more collaborative space for groups to meet, in contrast to the more quiet space in Room 200. Professor Weible also discussed the combination and relocation of the Information Desk and Reference Desk, now located on the second floor, to the first floor. The humanities service points will move from the third and fourth floors to the second floor.
- In December 2017, two librarians met with the committee to provide results on evaluative studies they recently completed relating to library use. Daniel Tracy presented information on “Assessing the use of ebooks in Library and Information Science” and David Ward presented information on his study “Beyond Satisfaction – investigation: patron use of reference information.” Details on both research presentations may be found in the minutes of the December 2017 meeting.
- In January 2018, Dean John Wilkin returned to the Library from his position as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost designate. Dean Wilkin provided a Library update to SLC members at the February 2018 meeting:
 - Dean Wilkin praised the work that William Mischo did on the FY19 Budget for the library, which was distributed to the committee on January 9, 2018. Dean Wilkin noted that the real pressure and concern continues to be the collection budget, which is of great importance to the university.

- Dean Wilkin shared with the committee plans for a building project that would involve the creation of an interdisciplinary campus center similar to Beckman, knocking down stacks one through five, consolidating collections, and relocating collections currently housed in stacks one through five to stack six. Dean Wilkin also noted the moving of the Archives and the Rare Books collections to the current Undergraduate Library. The new building would have a large 100K square foot multi-use collaborative space. Plans for the building project will be discussed in more detail as the planning proceeds.
- Dean Wilkin also responded to questions about the digitalization projects undertaken with Google Books and the HathiTrust, noting that these projects have enabled the digitalization of over 600K volumes at no cost to the University, with the University retaining the rights to the digitized volumes.
- In April 2018, Dean Wilkin reported on the annual budget meeting with the Provost, status on the Library building project, status of the Library budget, and described the Association of Research Libraries Digital Scholarship Institute in which the University Library is participating. Jen-chien Yu, Coordinator of Library Assessment at the University of Illinois Library, provided an overview of library assessment activities. Details of the presentation may be found in the minutes of the April 2018 meeting.

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