

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY
(Final; Information)

LB.20.06 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on the Library

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on the Library (LB) during the 2019-2020 academic year. LB met on September 24, November 7, December 3, February 21, and May 1. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

LB.20.01, Review of the *Bylaws*, Part D.15 – Committee on the Library

At the request of the Senate Executive Committee, LB reviewed the *Bylaws* on the membership and duties of the Senate Committee on the Library, particularly in light of the *Statutes*, Article III, Sections 3 and 5, and Article VI. In part due to difficulties with the membership of LB, the committee proposed to change the term for members to two years while also reducing the number of members who need to be senators, thus bringing the committee in line with library committees at other campuses. It also revised the committee's duties on reviewing the dean, to clarify these duties and better reflect the language and procedures outlined in the *Statutes*. The proposed revisions were then sent to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures for review.

LB.20.02, Dean's 5th Year Review Process Reflection Notes for LB

As there were no guidelines for the process for this review, samples of previous 5th year review letters and surveys were obtained, while LB consulted the Library Executive Committee. This latter committee advised that the LB's task was to solicit campus-level feedback. With this in mind, LB dedicated one meeting to adapting one of its previous campus-wide surveys on the dean. The Office of the Senate used Massmail and Eweek to circulate this adapted survey among faculty and students across campus and the results were compiled. After a meeting to discuss these results and the feedback that should be offered, the LB drafted a letter summarizing the survey and making recommendations. After this letter was circulated among committee members for final review, it was sent to Provost Cangelaris.

LB.20.03, Budget Draft

As the committee was unable to meet before Dean Wilkin met with Provost Cangelaris, a draft of the library budget was circulated and reviewed online.

LB.20.04, Discussion of the Annual Review of the Dean

Dean Wilkin provided detailed updates on the budget, the Library Building Project, and collections at each of our committee meetings this year. This information, as well as a discussion by the committee members at the May 1 meeting, formed the basis of the evaluation of Dean Wilkin’s commitment to the Library.

LB.20.05, Library Building Project

Throughout the year, LB heard regular updates on the discussion about and proposals for the Library Building Project. Dean Wilkin and members and co-chairs from the Library Consultation Working Group (LCWG) shared the results of Town Halls and developing plans for the Main Library and Special Collections Library.

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