

UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Library 2016-17

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 3

Committee Chair: Sheri Chinen Biesen

Committee Members: (list here)

Sheri Chinen Biesen	Riley Shea	
Harriet Benavidez	AVP - SGA Facilities/Operations	
Eleanor Lockhart		
Kathryn McGinn-Luet		
Jennifer Tole		
Marjorie Morris		
Scott Muir		
Judy Copeland		

Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

“Reviews available learning resources of the University including those in the Campbell Library, the Camden Campus library, the music library and educational media. The committee also reviews the policies regarding the management and use of these centers and materials and makes appropriate recommendations.”

Summary of Activities this Year:

This year we researched and reviewed library committee charges from peer universities. We revised, finalized, voted on and approved a new charge for our committee which we then submitted to the Senate for ratification. Our new library committee charge is currently in the process of being ratified by the University Senate. The new revised charge is:

“The committee facilitates communication regarding the research needs of faculty and students and reviews policies on the support for, management, and use of the libraries’ facilities and resources. Additionally, the committee makes recommendations to the University Senate to ensure library resources are of high quality and utilized appropriately to further the educational and research mission of the University.”

Associate Provost Scott Muir updated the committee on developments with the library, including progress on the Digital Repository – Rowan Digital Works, plans for the physical building, and results of the LibQual survey. A new website will be rolled out in the summer. There are new archival and special collections and the library is in the process of digitizing materials. Notable collections include the 50th anniversary of Hollybush and the historic summit at the Glassboro campus, South Jersey farm maps, and abolitionist diary. Special collections is moving to the third floor. The committee discussed the library strategic plan including its mission, themes, and collaboration with libraries on other Rowan campuses. The committee discussed the new live performing arts concert series at the library.

The committee discussed library resources, funding, and the need for more library staff.

The committee discussed whether it is possible to more easily access endnotes in electronic ebooks at the library and Scott Muir and the library staff are following up on this matter, which seems to depend on how the ebooks were encoded. Muir also noted that the library's electronic ebooks collections are regularly updated.

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