

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee	<u>University Library Committee</u>
Academic Year Covered by Report	<u>2015-2016</u>
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Number of times committee met	<u>5</u>

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

The University Library Committee (ULC) is a Standing Committee of North Carolina State University. In 2015-2016, its membership included 11 faculty members 2 staff/EPA members, 4 graduate students, 5 undergraduate students, and an ex-officio representative from the Association of Retired Faculty. The Vice Provost and Director of Libraries also serves as an ex-officio member.

The ULC is consulted and advises on issues of library policy related to the allocation of collection funds, the allocation of library space, and the development of resources for instruction, research, and the general program of library service to the institution as a whole.

Library Budget

The committee considered the impact of enrollment increase that was allocated this year in the Libraries budget, and approved the allocation of a portion of those funds that allowed the Libraries to restore overnight hours on a 24x5 basis in both the D.H. Hill Library and the James B. Hunt Jr. Library. Cuts to those hours in the previous year had been a cause of many complaints by NC State students. The allocation of \$1M in enrollment increase funds to the collection budget was also supported by the committee, as it forestalled any cuts to journals and electronic resources this year. With this funding the Libraries will be able to make modest strategic investments in collection areas of research by new faculty hires, and fall no further in its collection expenditures ranking (currently 13th among the 16 peer institutions). The committee would still like to see better funding for collections considering the impact of the rate of annual inflation in the area of scholarly publication.

Library Initiatives

The committee heard presentations on selected major initiatives, including a library/academic faculty partnership, *Shooting Wars* (Marsh Gordon, Associate Professor of English and Jason Evans Groth, Librarian), the *Alt-Textbook* project, a program of library grants to faculty creating, adapting or adopting free or low-cost alternatives to expensive textbooks, and the *Social Media Archives Toolkit*.

Library Space

Under direction from the Provost, the Libraries and the Division of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) are part of a study to determine the feasibility of assigning space in the D.H. Hill Library to several DASA functions. The committee received regular updates on the proposal and transmitted their concerns about the potential impact on the student seating (especially during peak study hours), the number of faculty/graduate student studies that might be lost, and the loss of space for shelving collections.

The committee heard a proposal from a Student Senator regarding the possibility of opening the Hillsborough Street doors, with support for the associated costs to come from a new student fee.

Other Issues

Committee members met as the Appeals Subcommittee in November and March to hear and rule on appeals of fines and fees from borrowers.