

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee	University Library Committee
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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

The University Library Committee (ULC) is a Standing Committee of North Carolina State University. In 2016-2017, its membership included 12 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 Collections Budget

The committee reviewed several initial draft scenarios for how to scale back packages in the advent of a budget cut tied to NCSU's missed enrollment target. Libraries staff shared that with inflation and potential cuts, the Libraries' collections budget would face a shortfall of \$1.3M to \$1.8M, effective January 2019. Elsevier, Springer, and Wiley are the Libraries' largest packages, coming to 36% of the total collections budget. The group was in favor of investigating an option to cut from at least one of the three packages, and look at other cuts to augment. Collection staff will continue analysis over the summer of 2017, and will visit ULC in the fall with a firmer set of recommendations for the committee to review. Depending upon nature and size of budget reductions, the Libraries will have to look at other areas to take cuts, as the collections budget will continue to be adversely impacted by inflation.

Library Initiatives

The committee heard presentations on selected major initiatives, including the upcoming Capital Campaign; new Virtual and Augmented Reality services, technology, and spaces; faculty and student collaborations in the D.H. Hill Library Visualization Studio; teaching and learning opportunities in the NCSU Libraries Makerspace Program; book selection and acquisitions; black markets for journal articles; and community engagement, workshops, and programming. The committee reviewed and approved proposed changes to Libraries spring break hours,

graduate student spousal borrowing rights, as well as a requested rule change related to skateboards in library buildings.

Library Space

The committee discussed recent renovations to the D.H. Hill Library and received regular updates on the upcoming Academic Success Center and D.H. Hill Stacks Renovation Project.

Other Issues

Committee members met as the Appeals Subcommittee in October 2016 to hear and rule on appeals of fines and fees from borrowers.