

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee: University Library Committee

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Number of times committee met: 4

Name of Chair Elect (if known):

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

The University Library Committee (ULC) is a Standing Committee of North Carolina State University. In 2019-2020, its 24 members included 12 faculty members, 2 staff/EPA members, 4 graduate students, 4 undergraduate students, and an ex-officio representative from the Association of Retired Faculty. The Senior Vice Provost and Director of Libraries also served as an ex-officio member.

The ULC advises the Provost and the Director of Libraries 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 approved the Libraries' plan for allocating the collections budget of \$11,775,222. Inflation continues to reduce the Libraries' buying power. Endowments and one-time funds help to fill the gap, but consistent annual shortfalls remain a concern. The COVID-19 pandemic's effect on enrollment and its larger economic impact on the global economy are uncertain at this time. The Libraries is planning for the possibility of a budget reversion in FY21.

Collections Withdrawal and Cancellation Guidelines

The committee reviewed and approved guidelines for withdrawal or cancellation of materials and resources including books and other analyzed titles, print journals, and government documents.

Organizational Changes

One administrative position has been eliminated through reassignment of responsibilities following Greg Raschke's appointment as Senior Vice Provost & Director of Libraries. The associated salary funds were used to add positions in direct service roles. Wendy Scott, Associate Director for Organizational Design and Learning, retired on April 1, 2020 after nearly 30 years with the Libraries.

COVID-19 and Libraries Academic Continuity Services

All physical locations of the NC State University Libraries were closed to patrons as of March 30, 2020, but the Libraries continues to have a robust online presence. During the university's rapid shift to online education, the Libraries' significant and long-standing investments in technology and digital collections enabled us to provide access to online collections, online instruction and consultation, and expanded technology lending that supported academic continuity for faculty and students. The Libraries' laptop lending service supported approximately \$1.3 million in credit-hour tuition for instructors and students in spring 2020.

Hill Library Renovation

The opening of the Hillsborough St. doors of the D. H. Hill Jr. Library in August 2019 has created a welcoming front door to the campus. The major renovation of the Hill Library to create the Academic Success Center and other new library spaces, which started in May 2019, continues to be on time and on budget, with an expected completion date in July 2020. This project involves a collaborative partnership between the Libraries and the Division of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) focusing on a range of services that support "the whole student" over the course of their entire academic career and beyond. Beginning this fall, patrons in the Hill Library will have convenient access to a number of exciting new spaces and an expanded range of services supporting student success, innovation, and data science and visualization.

Natural Resources Library Renovation

As of May 2020, the Natural Resources Library (NRL) renovation is in the final phase of design and features a coffee shop and expanded seating and collaborative space adjacent to the library on the first floor of Jordan Hall. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2020 and to be completed by summer 2021 prior to the fall semester. The renovated library will continue to offer high-quality study and collaborative spaces with the addition of three new group study rooms, along with the delivery of high-demand print and technology items.

Other Highlighted Projects

Library staff members attended several ULC meetings to discuss current initiatives including: (a) Saving Researchers' Time with ORCID (a persistent identifier that is unique to each researcher and increases discoverability of a researcher's work); (b) Raising the Profile of the NCSU

Libraries' Research Support Strategies & Engagement (an initiative to develop outreach strategies supporting research); and (c) Copyright and Digital Scholarship Center (CDSC) (facilitates open research, scholarship, teaching and learning for the NC State community).