

Library Committee of the Faculty Council 2008-2009 Annual Report

The committee met six times in the 2008-09 academic year. Dr. Lusa Lo was the Chair of the committee. The committee consisted of the following faculty members who attended more than half of the committee meetings: Anne Jones, Peter Fejer, and Heike Schotten. The remaining committee members were: Susan DeSanto-Madeya and Susan Tomlinson.

Since Spring 2009, Anne Jones notified the committee that she could no longer serve and has recommended Holly Johnston from Accounting and Finance at the College of Management to serve. The committee is waiting for the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council to nominate Holly Johnston to serve on the committee.

The following University librarian staff members also attended several or all the committee meetings: Daniel Ortiz, George Hart, Joanne Riley, and Sallyann Lopez.

The following main topics were discussed and accomplished at the Library Committee meetings:

1. Library Website
 - Since Fall 2009, the library has a new website. The library staff members used Google analytics as a means to monitor web site use. Additionally, a feedback icon was placed at the bottom left hand corner, where library users could ask for help and provide library with feedback.
2. Book Acquisition Project
 - Some departments who participated in this project were quite active in submitting book selection ideas, while others remained pleased to have library staff select new books. Because of funding and space constraints, this project is still in a trial basis.
3. Shelf-Ready Cataloging
 - The library piloted a textbook program. Some of the high-demand and expensive textbooks were ordered to address the faculty and students' needs.
4. 2007 LibQual data follow up
 - a. Faculty resources. The 2007 LibQual data indicated that many faculty members were unaware of the services and resources library had. The library has assigned staff members to serve as the liaisons between the library and each of the seven Colleges. Liaisons for other services, such as IT and career services, were also assigned. On Feb 25, the library organized a new faculty networking meeting. Faculty who joined the university in Fall 09 met with their

College-Library liaison at this meeting. On March 4, IT and HL hosted a meeting for all the Deans and Department Chairs to meet their College-Library/IT liaisons.

- b. Facilities. The library was renovated and included more study areas in 4th and 8th floor for students.
- c. Increase online materials

The above information was presented at the April Faculty Council meeting.

- 5. Budget Cuts
 - o Due to the financial constraints, the committee spent a great deal of time discussing how the following cuts could be made: book buying, the freezing of position searches, and the elimination of subscription to certain databases and journals
- 6. The Committee members felt that there is a need to increase communication between the library and faculty members. Additionally, it is necessary for the library to find out what resources faculty need for their teaching and research. Committee members suggested the library liaisons to survey the faculty during College or Department meetings.

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