

Report to the Stockton Faculty Senate
regarding the FY 2017-8 activities
of the Library Committee

2017 – 2018 membership of the Faculty Senate Committee on the Library

Faculty Members

David Lechner	Chair (2016-2018)
Tom Nolan Jr	Vice Chair (2017–2018)
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Heather Perez	Library (2018-2019)
Erin Podlesny	NAMS (2017–2019)
Arleen Gonzalez	SOBL (2017–2019)
Eric Jeitner	SFT union representative

Ex Officio Members

Joseph Toth	Director of Library Services
Mark Jackson	Director of Production Services
Linda Feeney	Director of E-Learning

Library Committee Attendees

Bill Bearden	Assoc. Director Library Technical Services
Gus Stamatopoulos	Assoc. Director for Public Services

The Library Committee met four times in AY 2017-2018

- October 19, 2017
- November 16, 2017
- January 25, 2018 and
- March 22, 2018

The committee did not have a particularly active year. This can probably be attributed to three factors:

1. Library's liaison program provides a parallel structure to that of the FS committee
2. No new tasks assigned
3. The Bjork Library's financial circumstances limited potential requests for additional library services

While the Library Committee didn't play a significant role in the following, a couple of matters are worth noting:

1. New library faculty line: Special Collections Librarian III Heather Perez of AC Free Public Library joined library faculty in AY 2017-18.
2. Library carried out LibQual user survey during autumn semester

3. Much of our activity involved hearing/discussing various routine reports such as ...

- moving reference desk into Learning Commons,
- purchase of rolling white boards (Learning Commons)
- “print release station,” and
- shifting of collections within library building.

4. Presentation by librarians Goodnight and Jeitner: library usage and ambient noise.
5. Library Director's presentation RE evolution of library budget (2008 to present).
 - Subsequently shown to FS (April mtg.)
 - Discussion of how to convey need for support of library to university administration
 - Toth to present to Deans' council and University Provost.

6. January and March meetings similar activities ...
- updates regarding the Library Director's presentation
 - emerging outcomes from LibQual survey, revealing ...
 - faculty concern for higher levels of book purchasing
 - student dissatisfaction regarding
 - library hours and
 - lack of group study rooms.

Library expanded regular hours:

Monday-Thursday, 8 am – midnight,

Friday, 8 am – 8 pm,

Saturday, 10 am – 10 pm,

and

Sunday, noon to midnight.

7. March meeting: Library Director's presentation to the Provost failed to gain traction as far as expanded library funding.

Library Director also cautioned: "no funding from federal government for Library Services and Technology Act. This would affect electronic resources offered through NJ state library."

Library Committee asked the Vice Chair to ask the FS Steering Committee to request that Library Director make his presentation to the Faculty Senate (April FS mtg).

Six slides from the Library Director's presentation



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Materials Budget: Ten-Year Opening Allocations

Fiscal Year	Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase	FTE
2008-09	\$830,200.00	-\$37,800.00	-4.55%	6464
2009-10	\$942,200.00	\$112,000.00	13.49%	6908
2010-11	\$972,200.00	\$30,000.00	3.18%	7233
2011-12	\$972,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	7610
2012-13	\$1,016,200.00	\$44,000.00	4.52%	7842
2013-14	\$1,016,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	8013
2014-15	\$1,016,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	8191
2015-16	\$1,016,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	8336
2016-17	\$1,016,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	8394
2017-18	\$1,051,200.00	\$35,000.00	4.33%	n/a
	10 Year Total	\$221,000.00	26.62%	
	10 Year Average	\$22,100.00	2.66%	



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Peer Comparisons:

IPEDS Library Data: FY15	(AL2015)	(DRVEF122015_RV)	
Name	Materials/Services Expenditures	12-Month FTE	\$ per Student
The College of New Jersey	\$1,790,634.00	7722	\$231.88
William Paterson University	\$1,221,286.00	9511	\$128.40
Stockton University	\$973,286.00	8955	\$108.68
Ramapo College	\$708,725.00	5877	\$120.59
Bloomsburg University (PA)	\$1,597,068.00	9471	\$168.62
Salisbury University (MD)	\$902,009.00	8469	\$106.50
Millersville University (PA)	\$699,281.00	7336	\$95.32

Materials Budget Compounded

Fiscal Year	% Increase	Budget	Fiscal Year	% Increase	Budget
2007-08	0	\$868,000.00	2013-14	5%	\$1,163,203.02
2008-09	5%	\$911,400.00	2014-15	5%	\$1,221,363.17
2009-10	5%	\$956,970.00	2015-16	5%	\$1,282,431.33
2010-11	5%	\$1,004,818.50	2016-17	5%	\$1,346,552.89
2011-12	5%	\$1,055,059.43	2017-18	5%	\$1,413,880.54
2012-13	5%	\$1,107,812.40	2017-18	allocation	\$1,051,200.00
Materials Budget Compounded with 5% Increases					

If the library had received annual 5% “cost of purchasing” increases per year since FY08 only to cover inflation, the materials budget for FY18 would be \$1,413,880.54.



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Future Budget Scenario #1:

Steady State

“Steady State” means that we’ll maintain the status quo, with annual 5% “cost of purchasing” increases tacked on to the materials budget to cover price increases on resources we currently secure. In this scenario, we must continue to say “no” to faculty requests to purchase additional journals, databases, or other materials with significant subscription costs, as there’s no room to expand holdings. Eventually, in this scenario, we may have to cancel subscriptions to hold the line.



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Future Budget Scenario #2:

Lump-Sum Adjustment

In this scenario, administration boosts the materials budget by a significant one-time amount, after which it continues to offer annual 5% “cost of purchasing” increases. For instance, if the materials budget is bumped to \$1,251,200 in FY19—up \$200,000—it will rise to \$1,520,841.42 by FY23.



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Future Budget Scenario #3:

Five-Year Growth

In this scenario, the materials budget is awarded an annual increase at a percentage designed to grow the budget significantly, after which the increase is reduced to the 5% “cost of purchasing” amount. For example, if 7.5%—an amount that exceeds projected inflation rates—is added to the materials budget for five consecutive years beginning in FY19, the budget would move to \$1,509,133.55 in FY23. In FY24, the increase would fall to 5%.

One personal observation: severity of library's financial straits brought home last week: faculty member requested a video for summer class.

Video available – \$13 (Amazon)

Now (5-6 weeks before end of FY), library's media funds over budget by \$2,800 – we don't have \$13 for video.

Generous member of library staff donated video

Is that how we, the faculty, want our library to be supported?

Perhaps we should organize a library bake sale ...

Suggestion: Faculty Senate discuss a resolution calling on Stockton University to increase Bjork Library budget to adequately provide for research and instructional needs of students, faculty and staff.

Thank you.

The Faculty Senate Committee on the Library