

**Senate Library Service Committee  
2018-2019 Activities Report  
March 28, 2019**

The Stony Brook University Senate's Library Services Committee reports that the committee has been engaged in its charged activities over the course of the 2018-2019 academic year. In keeping with the academic year schedule of the University Senate, the committee began meeting in October of 2018, and has held three business meetings to date - October, November and March; meetings in December, January and February were found to be problematic due to campus academic scheduling. The committee has since selected and scheduled a new time of the first Wednesday of each month from 2-3PM to meet, and has planned for an April and May meetings, as well as further summer meetings as needed and dependent upon the current Dean of Libraries search which calls for placement of a new Dean of Libraries by the fall of 2019.

Over the course of its meetings, the committee has met with and discussed with interim Dean of Libraries, Shafeek Fazal, and the following topics:

- ARL Rankings
- Library Faculty and Staff attrition rates
- Open Educational Resources grant opportunities
- Open Access resolution and current SUNY initiatives
- Current library faculty work and participation in Digital Humanities and Research Data Curation efforts
- Alma system migration
- The 2019-2021 University Libraries Strategic Plan preparation process
- Current Elsevier negotiations preparations and possible Senate role within the negotiations
- Senate Elections

Topics to be discussed and reviewed during the remainder of the academic year are:

- The Dean of Libraries search process and the committee's role in the selection and consultation process
- University Libraries Faculty Executive Committee work on redressing attrition and retention issues within the Libraries
- University Libraries budget and collections for 2019-2020
- Library system Migration update

Additional topics will be added to the schedule based on committee input and by request of the Dean of Libraries; the committee seeks to provide as much consultation and input to the Library Administration in support of its efforts to serve the campus community in keeping with its charge.

The work on the committee and the committee owe a debt of service to former chair, Song Wu, without whom the committee would not have been able to move forward with its work this past year. His leadership and insights in the fall set the foundation for the committee's engagement this semester, and the committee extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Wu for all his good deeds.

Respectfully Submitted:

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