

Library Advisory Committee Report, 2017-2018

Per the *Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual* (p. 325), the purpose of the Library Advisory Committee (LAC) is "to advise the Dean of Longwood Library in matters related to services and collections, both print and electronic; serve as a liaison between the library and its users; and act as an advocate for the library."

Members of the LAC have been engaged through the 2017-2018 academic year assisting the Library Dean accomplish Greenwood Library's mission in each of these areas:

Assessment. LAC faculty reviewed data on library traffic and usage, including on expanded late night hours. Based on steadily increased usage, the LAC advised continuing the expanded Sunday-Thursday 2am hours. They also advised the library to increase outreach to graduate student and investigate ways of studying graduate student use of library resources and facilities spaces. The latter resulted in establishing dedicated gathering space for graduate students.

Outreach. Members assisted in brainstorming, planning, and executing several library events, including a multi-day Intellectual Property speaker, Kyle Courtney. This event featured multiple workshops for librarians, faculty, and others interested in copyright, fair use, and intellectual property issues. At faculty recommendation, Hampden Sydney College personnel were invited as well, with several ultimately attending.

Grants. Drawing on faculty experience and expertise in grantwriting, the library submitted two grants, one for Libraries & Autism, and another for the Big Read from the National Endowment for the Arts. While the autism grant (submitted in conjunction with the Virginia Children's Book Festival) was not funded, the library received notification that its NEA Big Read grant was selected for funding. It is anticipated that LAC faculty will assist in the process of planning and delivering much of the programming associated with NEA Big Read.

Personnel. Members participated in review of candidates for library staff positions, including open public presentations for the Research and Digital Services Librarian position, and provided valuable feedback.

Art Awards. In the second year of a growing tradition, the library awarded three junior and three senior student artists with Greenwood Library Student Art Awards, complete with \$200 check and contract to display the artist's work in the library for one year. LAC faculty played an integral role in this process by visiting galleries and voting to select award recipients.