

Library Advisory Committee Report, 2016-2017

The members of the Library Advisory Committee (LAC) of the Faculty Senate have been active through the 2016-17 academic year in supporting Library initiatives, advising the new Dean of the Library Brent Roberts, and advocating for the library and its services and collections among colleagues throughout campus. This year, LAC discussions and efforts have focused on four areas: facilities, outreach, resources, and information literacy.

- **Facilities.** In response to student requests, Dean Roberts initiated several projects, including adding electrical outlets, adding study spaces, and piloting extended evening hours in Fall 2017. The LAC provided valuable feedback in each of these areas, and encouraged the Dean in forming an internal Facilities Task Force to research best practices in library design and space utilization.
- **Outreach.** Dean Roberts was very interested in launching new outreach programs while supporting existing efforts. LAC members reviewed statistics related to these efforts, including numbers of students utilizing exam week activities and extended hours, as well as attendance numbers for Library events. They made recommendations for future events and supported the new Dean's plan to channel resources into co-sponsoring events with other departments such as the Office of International Affairs and the Department of English and Modern Languages. They also supported a new initiative called Greenwood Library Student Art Awards to recognize the creative works of junior and senior art students, and endorsed attempts to bring together departments and organizations both internal and external to Longwood interested in promoting literacy.
- **Resources.** Throughout the academic year, the LAC reviewed potential new electronic resources and made recommendations regarding acquisition. They also supported the Library's mission of supporting each academic/disciplinary area by encouraging colleagues in the colleges to share resource acquisition recommendations with their departmental liaison librarian or with the dean.
- **Information Literacy.** With the final approval and initial rollout of the new Core Curriculum, LAC members have made several recommendations to the Dean regarding the inclusion of information literacy at all levels. Specifically, they recommended adding a librarian to the Core Curriculum committee, which was done. They also suggested contacting the coordinators for each of the Core Curriculum areas to ensure that information literacy continues to be represented. In workshops associated with the new curriculum, they encouraged colleagues to utilize the new Embedded Librarians program to bring librarians into their Canvas course shells.