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Senate Library Committee Meeting
03/11/2025

Call To Order and Approval of Minutes

Call to Order: SLC Chair Eva Gil called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Reports and Announcements

Eva Gil, *SLC Chair*:

- The student survey brainstorm is postponed to Spring Quarter.
- The meeting will include discussion of Gabe Gossett, Faculty Senator for Libraries, statement to the Faculty Senate on budget issues and future meeting times and modality.

Discussion Items

- **Libraries Deep Dive – Budget:** Madeline Kelly, Interim Dean of Libraries, gave a presentation on the Libraries' operating budget. She noted that the budget numbers, especially in terms of self-sustaining and foundation funds, vary annually and do not reflect reductions announced since the start of the fiscal year. She requested that these numbers be shared with discretion because they always have accompanying context.

  The budget discussion included reviewing Gabe Gossett's March 4 statement to the Faculty Senate regarding staffing cuts and transfers and their impact on Libraries and university services. Committee members raised concerns about the need for specialized IT services for the Libraries, such as MABEL, and about how Libraries have been reduced for years while seeing an increase in services provided. It was reported that the reallocation of Libraries IT staff to ATUS is, for now, a change in supervisory chains rather than workload. Over the next months, there will be conversations about work priorities between ATUS and departments as part of the centralization process. It was noted that SLC members can leverage their voices and power as faculty to support

- **Meeting Times and Modality:** Based on the poll results, the meeting time will move to 3:30 – 5:00, beginning Spring Quarter. A second poll will be sent to Committee members regarding modality since the initial poll results were inconclusive.

- **Spring Quarter Projects and Priorities:** Committee members discussed the following agenda priorities for Spring Quarter:

    - Drill down on 2024 Faculty Survey items to identify if there are specific questions/comments that can be resolved and communicated back to respondents
    - Revisions to subscription review process
    - Student survey vs WELS questions (4/1)

Items from the Floor

There were no items from the floor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

SLC Attendance
03/11/2025

Voting Members			Non-Voting Members		
Vacant	Libraries	na	Madeline Kelly	Libraries Dean	x
Kendra Dupuy	CHSS	x	John Farquhar	ATUS Director	x
Tilmann Glimm	CSE	--	(Madeline Kelly)	Director, Collections	
Hilary Schwandt	Fairhaven	x	Shevell Thibou	Director, Teaching & Learning	x
Shuo Li	CBE	x	Elizabeth Joffrion	Director, Archives & Special Collections	x
Patrick Buckley	CENV	x			
Emmy Fincham	WCE	x	**Recorder**		
Eva Gil (Chair)	CFPA	x	Becky Johnston	Faculty Senate	x
Vacant	Faculty Senate	na			
Emma Fredlund	AS Senate	x	**Guests**		

Voting Attendees	7
Non-Voting Attendees	5
Total Attendees	12