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Trent Hill, Chair
Faculty Council on University Libraries

Dear Professor Hill:

The Faculty Council on University Libraries is charged with responsibility “for all matters of policy relating to libraries such as, but not limited to, collection development; services to students, faculty, and others; the system of libraries, including branch libraries; space needs; and budgetary requirements” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-4). Activities historically performed include receiving regular updates on library news and logistics from appropriate administrators, with members reporting substantive updates back to constituents, as well as providing faculty and student feedback to the Vice Provost for Digital Initiatives and Dean of Universities Libraries on specific topics of interest, offering guidance and prioritization of concerns where warranted.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2018-19 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Monitor implementation of new UW Open Access Policy.
- Evaluate state of ALUW “Faculty Status” proposal.

After your first council meeting we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing on their behalf.

Sincerely,

George Sandison
Chair, Faculty Senate

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