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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 2017-18 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:

- ❖ Receive a report on the initiative to alter UW librarian employee status from “academic personnel” to “faculty” and evaluate level of support for the initiative on behalf of all UW librarians. Report back to the Faculty Senate Chair with findings.
- ❖ Review implementation proposals for Open Access Policy, should it be approved by the university.
- ❖ Coordinate as appropriate with the FCTL on IT initiatives/changes.
- ❖ Continue to work with UW Libraries on strategic planning surrounding future use of space and resources.

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,

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Chair, Faculty Senate
Professor, Landscape Architecture

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