PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
Annual Report 2019–2020
According to the Faculty Governance Guide, the Library Committee should be comprised of at least two members each from Arts & Humanities, Science & Engineering, and Social Science.

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Library Committee meetings were held on October 17, 2019; January 31, 2020; and May 28, 2020.

The focus of our meetings for the 2019–2020 academic year has been on the Library Budget; Library Services (Spring 2020); Strategic Planning Committee; Provost's Student Success Initiative and the Library's Role; Open Access for Faculty Publications; Archives, Records Management, and Special Collections; Library Building Security; Personnel; and Senate Resolution—Spring 2019 (follow-up).

Budget:

1. Funds Received:

University general fund and management reserves; Sales and Services; OAI online fee funding and flexible degree funding.

2. Funds Spent on Library Resources:

Collections building and budgeting
Subject liaisons that work with departments on campus

General collections value statement:

Scholar-led to find valuable and accessible resources
Recognize that departments work differently
Commitment to purchasing works authored by PSU faculty

Avoid digital rights management restrictions, which means online materials that are limited in access or usability
Limit restrictions to members of the community using library materials
Support diversity
Mission driven—align with the "Student First" initiative
Maintain sustainable collections

Budget model for collections—fund collections at the macro level as opposed to the micro level

Majority of funding spent on electronic journals and electronic books Leverage consortia purchasing

Licensing principles—make sure that resources are fully accessible to all authorized users

Insure transparency

Balance collections across campus (ongoing subscription breakdowns

Journal packages:
Arts and Humanities (Cambridge University Press Journals)

Monograph Breakdowns

Collection Reductions Considerations:

Look at cost per use over a three-year trend to see declining usage
Work with department liaisons

Identify Open Access availability

Library Services—Spring 2020

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Strategic Planning Committee

In a changing environment, how do we embrace and create opportunities?

How do we continue to positively engage and effectively support the communities we serve?

How do we develop and maintain a positive library culture?

Since Covid 19 the Library is in Phase 1 of strategic planning to increase services to the community.

Provost's Student Success Initiative and the Library's Role

Four areas (see PSU webpage on Student Experience/Student Success)

Open Access for Faculty Publications

Tom presented before the Faculty Senate Benefits for faculty using PDX Scholar
Library will ask faculty to work with publishers
Library will take a version of a faculty publication and put it in PDX Scholar
An about-to-be-published version will go into the PDX Scholar archive
Mostly journal articles go to PDX Scholar
Opt-out policy—faculty can decide if they would rather not participate

Library Building Security

Students completed a building security survey in which there was a diversity of responses to the question: What is the purpose of the Library building? (study, research, collaboration)

For increased security there will be key cards after 8 pm; an unarmed security officer will be present for closing; and Public Safety will have someone do a walk-through every two hours. Things are improving and there have been fewer disruptions and troubling incidents.

Since Covid 19 the Library has been mailing out equipment, shipping books, and offering scanning services for course reserves. Only the first floor of the Library is open for the computer lab, with 20 operating computers. Key card access is required.

The committee commends the Library for helping Spring 2020 doctoral students to print copies of their dissertations.

Personnel

Since Covid 19 there has been a hiring freeze, which has especially impacted a search for the Head of Cataloging and Library Technician 3 positions.

Senate Resolution—Spring 2019

At the final meeting of the PSU Faculty Senate for the academic year 2018/2019, the Library Committee offered a proposal for a re-evaluation of the fee structure for online resources that support online learning.

The Faculty Senate resolved that the University will strive to maintain adequate funding to support the collections development of the Library.

Tom has had discussions with the Provost about the resolution and will have further conversations with Johannes at OAI.

OAI funding now covers Kanopy costs.

Overall, the Library Committee meetings have provided an effective channel for communication among library staff and faculty members, as the committee continues to serve the Library with dedication and diligence. The Library in turn contributes to the health and prosperity of Portland State University in an ongoing and vital way.