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**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Academic Year: 2023-2024**

**COMMITTEE: University Library Committee**

Membership (include ex-officio members).

Regular Members

Geoffrey (Corey) Harmon - Chair

Shannon Powell – Vice Chair

Armin Krishnan - Secretary

Kawanna Bright

Helen Dixon

Robin Haller

Ciprian Popoviciu

Kirstin Squint

Ex Officio Members

Jan Lewis

Beth Ketterman

Jamie Bloss

Kelly Spring

Meeting Dates (include members present).

September 21, 2022

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Kawanna Bright, Helen Dixon, Ciprian Popoviciu, Kirstin Squint

**Ex Officio:**

Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, Jamie Bloss, Kelly Spring

October 19, 2022

**Regular:**

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Armin Krishnan - Secretary

Kawanna Bright, Robin Haller, Ciprian Popoviciu, Kirstin Squint

**Ex Officio:**

Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, Kelly Spring

**Other:**

Brandon Stilley

November 16, 2022

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Shannon Powell – Vice Chair  
Armin Krishnan - Secretary  
Kawanna Bright, Helen Dixon, Robin Haller, Ciprian Popoviciu, Kirstin Squint  
**Ex Officio:**  
Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, Jamie Bloss, Kelly Spring

January 18, 2023

**Regular:**  
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Shannon Powell – Vice Chair  
Kawanna Bright, Robin Haller, Ciprian Popoviciu, Kirstin Squint  
**Ex Officio:**  
Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, Jamie Bloss, Kelly Spring  
**Other:**  
Kerry Sewell

February 15, 2023

**Regular:**  
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Shannon Powell – Vice Chair  
Armin Krishnan - Secretary  
Kawanna Bright, Robin Haller, Ciprian Popoviciu, Kirstin Squint  
**Ex Officio:**  
Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, Kelly Spring  
**Other:**  
Erin Gray

March 15, 2023 (cancelled)

April 19, 2023

**Regular:**  
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Shannon Powell – Vice Chair  
Armin Krishnan - Secretary  
Kirstin Squint  
**Ex Officio:**  
Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, Jamie Bloss, Kelly Spring

Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).  
None

Accomplishments during the year. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate.

- Libraries and Fiscal Sustainability Initiative
  - o The committee reiterated its support of the findings of the University Fiscal Sustainability Coordinating Committee Libraries Working Group report that was presented in 2021.
- Tenure track eligibility for library faculty
  - o Committee communicated with library faculty who voted to pursue investigation
  - o Lewis and Ketterman spoke with HR to find out about process.
  - o Based on information from that meeting, library faculty voted against committee recommending tenure track eligibility to Faculty Governance Committee.

September 21, 2022 –

- Appointment of Regular Members to Serve: Helen Dixon to serve on the Open Access Publishing Support Fund and Scholarly Communications Committee (with Shannon Powell as alternate for the Scholarly Communications Committee) and Kawanna Bright as liaison to the Special Collections Committee.

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Brandon Stilley, Interim Head of the Music Library gave an overview of the services and activities of the Music Library
- Discussion of tenure-track library faculty positions occurred including history of how this item came to the library committee for review. After committee members shared points of view, it was suggested to first have meetings with ECU librarians to discuss how much demand is on their part for tenure-track eligibility of librarians, either in separate meetings for the library branches or together.

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 –

- Jamie Bloss, Liaison Librarian to the School of Dental Medicine and the College of Allied Health Sciences presented on the duties of liaison librarians at Laupus Health Sciences Library.
- Discussed tenure-track positions for library faculty positions including concerns and benefits shared from library faculty associated with the differences between fixed term and tenure-track options. Planned further discussion for spring semester.

January 18, 2023 –

- Research Librarian Kerry Sewell from the Laupus Library presented on the Roles and Responsibilities of Research Librarians.
- Discussion of tenure-track library faculty positions continued. Corey Harmon reported to the committee that ALS faculty and staff met in December and voted in favor of further investigating the possibility of tenure-track positions for library faculty. Based on the feedback, Jan Lewis and Beth Ketterman agreed to meet with Wendy Sergeant from HR to explore what moving towards tenure-track positions for librarians would mean in practical terms and whether that was even feasible. Kawanna Bright, Jaime Bloss, and Corey Harmon volunteered to start the process of getting more information from other NC System institutions about their processes.
- Kawanna Bright announced a bid for a library research seminar that would likely take place at ECU in October 2024.

February 15, 2023 –

- Erin Gray, Technology Manager presented on main campus library circulating equipment.
- Discussion of tenure-track library faculty positions continued with follow up from previous meeting. Based on the findings since previous meeting, the committee decided to take the following actions:
  - o Take the issue back to the libraries and have a vote before the next committee meeting in order to determine whether librarians want to pursue the matter, given the new information that has become available.
  - o If librarians vote in favor, then the committee can make a recommendation to Faculty Governance Committee to consider the issue further. If librarians vote against it, then no further action needs to be taken by the committee.

April 19, 2023 –

- Discussion of tenure-track library faculty positions continued with follow up from previous meeting.
  - o Library faculty in both ALS and Laupus Library voted against moving forward with reinstatement of tenure. Libraries Committee will not make a recommendation to Faculty Governance Committee.

Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).  
None

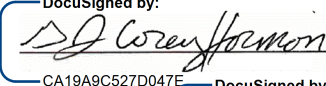

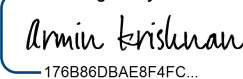
Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).  
None

Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).

- A. Charge:
- B. Personnel:
- C. Attendance: Consistency in the presence and dedication from library leadership in working with the committee particularly on the investigation of tenure-track library positions strengthened the work of the committee. Updates from library leadership were helpful in the committee supporting the libraries.
- D. Responsibilities:
- E. Activities: Reports from various library staff increased awareness of resources among faculty committee members.

Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty for improving the effectiveness of the committee.  
None

Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year?  
No  
If yes, when do you prefer:

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