

University Libraries Committee
Minutes
March 18, 2005

Members Present: Swapna Banerjee, Dale Canelas (Ex-Officio), Jason Fleming, Blake Landor, Robin Lauriault, Jason Neelis, and Phillip Wegner (Chair)

Members Absent: Anna Brajter-Toth, Ruan Cox, Eric Gordon, Ama Mathewos, and Ellenor May

1. The [January 2005](#) minutes were approved.

As a follow-up to January's meeting, topic number three, Blake Landor will provide Phillip Wegner with a copy of the general letter of support written last year. Phillip Wegner will draft a new general letter for Dale Canelas to present in the budget meeting with the Provost in early May to discuss the library budget proposal for fiscal year 2005-2006.

The Council on Academic Infrastructure and Support presented the Resolution from the University of Florida Faculty Senate in Support of the University Libraries as an information item at the last senate meeting. At the next meeting the Council will decide if it should be sent forth as an actual resolution. Phillip Wegner will ask Scott Nygren, Chair of the Council on Academic Infrastructure and Support to come speak with the University Libraries Committee.

2. The institutional repository presentation was postponed.
3. Committee members reviewed the [proposed new structure](#) for the University Libraries Committee. Dale Canelas will make the following modifications and it will be voted on at the next ULC meeting.

The paragraph for **Appointment** will now read:

The Committee consists of thirteen (14) faculty and four (4) students. Faculty members are nominated by the Senate from the tenured faculty, one (1) each from the following colleges: Agriculture, Business, Design, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health and Human Performance, Journalism, and Law, three (3) from Liberal Arts (one (1) each from the humanities, social sciences and sciences), one (1) from the Health Sciences Center and one (1) from the Library. Two (2) graduate students are nominated by the Graduate Student Council and two (2) undergraduates are nominated by Student Government.

Also note that a provision for replacing members that resign as well as verbiage stating that the committee should be comprised of 50% tenured faculty and as some full professors will be added to the **Appointment** section.

The paragraph for **Term** will be modified to indicate a need for overlapping terms.

The paragraph for **Chair** will now read:

Nominated and elected by the ULC at the last meeting of the academic year.

A recommendation was made to also nominate and elect a “Chair Elect.” This will not be added but is something that could be discussed in fall with the new committee.

The first sentence for **Meetings** will now read:

Generally on the second week of the month, September through November and February through April.

The first sentence for **Responsibilities Part A.** will now read:

The Committee shall assist the Director of Libraries in maintaining and promoting the welfare of the University Libraries.

The first sentence for **Responsibilities Part C.** will now read:

The Committee shall advise the Faculty Senate of its position on policy matters affecting the Libraries and about the state of the Libraries.

A Part D will be added to **Responsibilities** and will read:

The Committee shall advise the University Administration of its position on policy matters affecting the Libraries and about the state of the Libraries. It shall look broadly at the Libraries’ role in the support of the University’s teaching, learning and research programs. The Committee shall forward a report to the University Administration whenever either the Committee or the Senate thinks it advisable.

A final draft of the revised committee structure should be submitted to the Committee on Committees. That committee will make any adjustments, if needed, and then submit it to the Constitution Committee.

4. Dale Canelas distributed a list of [future issues](#) that might be taken up by the ULC.
5. The next ULC meeting will be scheduled for a 2-hour block. The head of Public Services will give a small policy presentation.