

University Library Committee

Committee Charge

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The University Library Committee was formed in 1876 under the chairmanship of Professor Daniel Bonbright. Its purpose then, as now, was to make advisory decisions on library policies. Its importance over the years increased with the construction of new facilities and the advent of digital information. It has evolved into not only an advisory body, but also a liaison between the University Library, faculty, administration and students.

Topics for committee action may originate in three ways: 1) letters sent from the University community to the chair or the University Librarian; 2) suggestions made by the University Librarian; 3) ideas brought up by the members of the Committee itself.

Decisions made by the University Library Committee are of an advisory nature. The Committee does not allocate resources although it may review and recommend broad strategy and priorities for such allocations. The Committee may also review and advise on general library policies addressing information resources and services.

The Committee meets at least once per quarter, more often when the need arises.

Faculty are appointed by the Provost upon recommendation of the Chair or the University Librarian, with nominations encouraged from any member of the academic community. Faculty are not appointed to represent designated colleges or disciplines, although campus-wide breadth and balance is sought. Up to two undergraduate students are appointed by the Chair upon recommendation by ASG, and up to two graduate students are appointed by the Chair upon recommendation of the Graduate Council or the Dean of The Graduate School. The Chair is designated by the Provost.

2018-2019 Roster

Sandy Zabell, chair, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Statistics and Mathematics

Geraldo L. Cadava, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, History

Anne T. Coughlan, Kellogg School of Management, Marketing

Drew Edward Davies, Bienen School of Music, Musicology

Andrew Hull, The Graduate School, PhD Candidate in Philosophy

Candy Lee, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications, Journalism and Integrated Marketing Communication

Robert Linrothe, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Art History

SonBinh T. Nguyen, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Chemistry

Justin M. Notestein, McCormick School of Engineering, Chemical and Biological Engineering

Susan D. Pechter, Northwestern Faculty Senate, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Spanish & Portuguese

Eleanor Sandefer, Student representative

Mimi White, School of Communication, Radio/Television/Film

Matthew Wylie, Student representative

Elizabeth Hitchcock, ex officio, Northwestern Libraries

Sarah Pritchard, ex officio, Northwestern Libraries