REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
May 7, 2015

Committee Members
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Hyejung Lim, GSA representative
Katharine Egan, Student Senate representative
Cheryl McCarthy, Interim Dean of University Libraries, *ex officio*
Julia Lovett, Digital Initiatives Librarian, invited guest

Meeting Dates
The Faculty Senate Library Committee met twice during 2014/15: November 21 and February 18.

Activities
During 2014/15, the Committee continued to focus its attention on issues related to the University of Rhode Island Open-Access Policy (OAP). The Committee:

- Developed a proposal to amend the charge of the Committee to make the Faculty Senate Designate for the OAP a permanent, voting member of the Faculty Senate Library Committee (see below). The reason for this change is that since the OAP is now a significant component of the Committee's charge, it will be helpful to have the Designate present at meetings.
- Reviewed the library's process of identifying articles and requesting article manuscripts from faculty, and faculty response rate to these requests.
- Discussed publicity strategies for increasing faculty awareness of and compliance with the OAP.
- Discussed potential institutional efforts for gathering and disseminating information about faculty publications as well as enhancing faculty compliance with the OAP. Decided that in 2015/16, members of the Faculty Senate Library Committee will seek to bring these issues before the deans.
- In response to faculty concerns, agreed to update the content of monthly promotional emails: Instead of an email reporting on the top three most-downloaded OAP articles in the previous month, one OAP article will be selected to highlight. It will be posted with its abstract but without download data.
- Noted the fact that in 2015/16 the Committee will need to produce a three-year review of the OAP and discussed general strategies for creating such a report.

Proposal to update the charge of the Faculty Senate Library Committee [requires Faculty Senate approval]

Current language with proposed changes highlighted in red:

4.50 The Library Committee. This committee shall act as liaison between the University Library and the faculty as a whole and advise the Library on matters of general faculty concern; consult with the Library faculty on long-range needs of the Library and the adequacy of budget provisions to meet those needs; serve in an advisory capacity to the Faculty Senate regarding the implementation and interpretation of the University of Rhode Island Open-Access Policy, resolving disputes concerning the interpretation and application of the policy, and recommending changes in the policy to the Faculty Senate; report annually to the Faculty Senate and propose Senate action relating to the University Library. **The Faculty Senate Designate for the URI Open-Access Policy shall serve as a voting ex officio member of the Library Committee.** *The Dean of University Libraries shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Library Committee.*

Final language as proposed:

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Selected Metrics

	Snapshot March 2014	Snapshot April 2015
Cumulative article requests sent to faculty	385	698
Cumulative total number of OAP articles	85	171
Cumulative total downloads of OAP articles	1,835	16,937
Downloads past 30 days	n/a	1,780

- In 2014, data on number of articles and downloads included supplemental files; these were removed for the 2015 count.

Cumulative total OAP article downloads by departmental series		
	Snapshot March 2014	Snapshot April 2015
Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences	190	2,115
Business Administration	296	2,029
Graduate School of Oceanography	265	1,503
Chemistry	167	1,421
Biological Sciences	119	949
Pharmacy Practice	41	949
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics	90	878
Communication Studies	71	687
Library Technical Services	94	679
Chemical Engineering	105	675
Institute for Immunology & Informatics	88	675
Human Development and Family Studies	n/a	660
Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering	65	531
Physical Therapy	86	399
Kinesiology	n/a	388
Sociology and Anthropology	n/a	318
Education	41	315
Psychology	65	312
Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures	n/a	293
Physics	9	202
Writing and Rhetoric	n/a	162
Mechanical, Industrial and Systems Engineering	1	138
Civil and Environmental Engineering	n/a	100
Mathematics	11	84
Library Public Services	n/a	69
Natural Resources Science	15	60
Marine Affairs	n/a	29
Cell and Molecular Biology	16	22
Honors Program	n/a	22
Nursing	n/a	15
Geosciences	n/a	0

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- Downloads by departmental series are not directly comparable, as each series has a different number of articles and newer series have not had as much time to accumulate downloads.
- Note that in some fields where authors publish in open access journals, those articles, while uploaded to DigitalCommons, do not count as OAP articles because they were uploaded under publisher license (e.g. CC-BY) rather than with the Open Access Policy Terms of Use.

Cumulative total OAP articles in DigitalCommons@URI		
	Snapshot March 2014	Snapshot April 2015
Graduate School of Oceanography	19	21
Biological Sciences	9	16
Chemistry	7	12
Pharmacy Practice	4	11
Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences	9	10
Institute for Immunology & Informatics	5	10
Business Administration	7	9
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics	1	9
Physics	3	9
Human Development and Family Studies	0	8
Communication Studies	1	7
Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering	2	7
Library Technical Services	1	4
Kinesiology	0	4
Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures	0	4
Mechanical, Industrial & Systems Engineering	1	4
Sociology and Anthropology	0	3
Education	1	3
Mathematics	1	3
Library Public Services	0	3
Chemical Engineering	2	2
Physical Therapy	7	2
Psychology	3	2
Writing and Rhetoric	0	1
Civil and Environmental Engineering	0	1
Natural Resources Science	1	1
Marine Affairs	0	1
Cell and Molecular Biology	1	1
Honors Program	0	1
Nursing	0	1
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