

Annual report of the Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee (FSLAC)
Presented 5 May 2022 by Christopher Brown, FSLAC Chair

- The Committee met three times in the 2021-2022 academic year and term of the Senate, and minutes of the meetings are posted to the Senate. Issues we discussed in this term of the Senate are covered in the minutes, and the Committee members welcome input and are happy to field questions. Major discussions are noted below.
- Much of our work has involved continuing to provide input to the Provost's office and search committee concerning a national search for a new Dean of the Main Campus Library. As the search committee was formed, we asked former Provost Parker that select members of the FSLAC be named to the search committee. Despite these requests, members of the Committee were not named to the search committee. FSLAC leadership reached out to Honors College Dean Phame Camarena to ask that we be actively engaged in the search, and Dean Camarena set up face to face meetings with candidates where we were able to meet and interact with the candidates. The Committee members are very appreciative to Dean Camarena for making these meetings happen. The search was successful, and Kevin Comerford joined NMSU as new dean of the Library, effective 15 March 2022. Kevin brings a strong commitment to faculty engagement, and Library faculty and Committee members look forward to working with Kevin in the future.
- During the 2021-2022 academic year, the Committee engaged in discussions with Library leadership on several issues, detailed below:
 - **Change from “just in case to just in time” models of serials acquisition** - The new model was put in place in fall of 2021, Library leadership engaged in an active outreach effort to gather faculty input, and the 9.21.22 meeting minutes provide details.
 - **Concern for adequate Library resources for the new College, HEST** - NMSU's central administration established a task force to discuss this and other issues, and we are hopeful that this task force will deal with the issue of Library holdings once the new dean is on board.
 - **Article Galaxy** - This is an unmediated journal article delivery service, by which faculty can request the article directly from the library's discovery and catalog service, Primo. Contracting with Article Galaxy is a direct response to cancelling the Elsevier journal package, and a pilot of this service is underway in the spring, summer, and fall 2022 academic terms. Further details are provided in the 4.19.22 meeting minutes.
 - **Getting students back into the Library** - Committee explored several ideas, and library staff noted several initiatives recently undertaken. Chair Brown has asked Associate Dean Terpis to work on compiling these ideas and sharing with the Committee so we can move some of these forward in the fall.
 - Other topics explored in the 2021-2022 academic year include resumption of document delivery service, new members to join the Committee to deal with NMSU-Carlsbad leaving the system and the new college starting up, and

resumption of the subject specialist model to support faculty research and teaching needs. Details are provided in meeting minutes posted to the Senate Website.

- Members of the FSLAC continue to be “on the job” by providing input to Library leadership on issues of concern to Committee members, and we welcome input from Senators and other faculty, staff and students.
- I thank all Committee members for their energy and service to the Library, the Senate, and the University. I extend special thanks to Samantha Villa (Director, NMSU-Carlsbad Library) for serving as Vice-Chair, and Margaret Goehring (Associate Professor, Department of Art) for serving as Secretary.