The purpose of the Library Committee is to establish a joint forum at which librarians and faculty meet. It is therefore important, on the faculty side, to have members represent as many schools and colleges as possible. For the past year, and continuing into 2015-16, we have been maintaining a broad base: the committee now consists of (9) professors, representing (8) different schools or programs. We have made inquiries to add a member from the Sciences (with Dieter Forster retiring) or Engineering, but have not succeeded in attracting a candidate. Meetings have been held once a semester that have been attended by members of the library staff, usually four senior members, and always including Joe Lucia, the new Dean of University Libraries.

Meetings this past year were held on October 23rd, 2014, and March 18th 2015 (minutes attached). Meetings have again this year been focused primarily on the programming, planning, and design progress of the new Main Library. Members of the Library Committee have also participated in some of the design presentation meetings conducted by Snohetta (architects for the new library). Topics related to issues raised by the design of the new library include the concept of a Digital Scholarship Center (DSC) to be housed in the new building. A prototype space for the DSC has been set up on the lower level of Paley Library. The role of the library in supporting a University wide research networking systems is also being considered; this service is presently available only to a limited cohort of medical school faculty, and is extremely expensive. Another topic that the Committee would like to explore further with the Dean is the area of the Library’s role in scholarly communication and publishing. The first meeting of the Fall 2015 semester will be targeted for that subject. However, for the coming year, the process of designing the new University Library will likely continue to occupy much of the Committee’s attention.

Robert Shuman
Professor of Architecture
Chair 2014/15

Current members of the Senate Library Committee:

- 2015 David Elesh, CLA - Sociology
- 2015 Robert Shuman jr. - Center for the Arts – Architecture (Chair 2013/14)
- 2016 Donna M. Snow - Center for the Arts - Theater
- 2015 Paul Swann - Center for the Arts - Film
- 2016 Elvis Wagner -- Education – Teaching and Learning
- 2015 Jacqueline Volkman Wise - Fox School – Risk, Insurance
- 2015 Krupa Viswanathan - Fox School – Business and Management
- 2016 Eugene Hsue – Beasley School of Law – Law Librarian
- 2017 Aron Wahrman – School of Medicine
Temple University
Faculty Senate Library Committee
Minutes of Meeting held October 23, 2014

Attending: Robert Shuman, Jr. (Center for the Arts – Architecture), ; David Elesh (CLA, Sociology), Eugene Hsue, (University Libraries elected AAL representative); Paul Swann (Center for the Arts - Film), Jacqueline Volkman-Wise (Fox School – Risk, Insurance), Donna Snow (Theater, Film and Media Arts), Aron Wahrman (School of Medicine), Joseph Lucia, (Dean, University Libraries),

Not Present: Elvis Wagner (Education – Teaching and Learning); Dieter Forster (Physics – College of Science and Technology)

Guests: Jonathan LeBreton (Senior Associate University Librarian), Steven Bell (Associate University Librarian) recording;

Chair’s Report: Committee composition for 2014-2015

Chair Shuman noted that two members (Chih-Chien Chen, STHM and Shenid Bhayroo, SCT) are no longer at Temple. He was advised to contact the Faulty Senate to request that two new members be appointed. The Committee acknowledged that it could use representation from the Colleges of Engineering.

Dean’s Report

Dean Lucia indicated that the since the committee had last met in April 2014 he wanted to provide an update on the new building project. Having completed both the conceptual design and schematic design phases by the end of September, 2014 the project is now in the design development phase.

In this phase the we are working with Snohetta to be more specific about (a) the external structure and (b) how it will function internally. Things are moving forward in the areas of materials, furnishings and technology. There are some thorny issues with regard to space allocation in the building owing to constraints we have on the total square footage. With respect to staff workspace we are exploring our options for both open and closed (private office) spaces. All open browsing stacks have been moved to the 4th level. It was a challenge to break it up into two parts, with a small segment on the 3rd level. That means there will only be approximately 200,000 volumes in open stacks, but many more volumes are stored in the ASRS.

We are still required to be silent about the design process until it is fully approved by the Trustees. After the Trustees Facilities Committee approves it the project, it will then move to the full board for approval. Dean Lucia is working with TU communications to develop a strategy for announcing the building to the public. It will be announced in tandem with the master plan.
D. Snow shared that there are still quite a few classes in Barton, which is the building that needs to be razed to build the library. Shuman asked Lucia if he was still pleased with the way the building is shaping up. Other than the concerns about the staff environment, the project is proceeding smoothly and meeting expectations for a Snohetta project. We will continue to explore how some of the new technology areas will work and how they’ll operate in the building. We will be doing some prototyping in this building to test out ideas, as well as talking to faculty and students about the ways they’ll want to use the resources. D. Elesh asked about whether the square footage would be increased. That won’t be possible given the constraints of the project budget. Elesh then asked if the libraries will possibly keep some space in Paley. The current plan is to re-purpose Paley for student services such as career placement. The library administration is not involved in that process, but these issues are all part of the campus master planning process. Shuman asked if there was any way for this group to be more involved in the campus planning process in order to have an impact on the direction. The process thus far has offered opportunities for input from different constituencies. LeBreton added that some of the Snohetta folks were in direct contact with the Smith Group folks who guided the master planning process. For example Snohetta advised on the development of the quad concept. A question was asked about 13th street and closing it, but there is nothing concrete about that just yet.

Elesh shared some of the issues about how the Temple campus is growing, particularly with respect to residential housing west of Broad. The business community does have concerns with the expansion of residential (mostly student) housing in what they see as a business corridor.

Dean Lucia reported on some other activities. We are making progress on developing a Digital Scholarship Center on the lower level, which could be thought of as a prototype for a similar space in a new building. There is an advisory board helping to plan the space. We now have a construction plan for the space. It will include a visualization room.

In previous meetings Dean Lucia had mentioned the need to create a Digital Scholarship Center (DSC) as a physical location and service center within the Library in order to meet faculty and student demand, in particular for digital humanities support, and to prototype services such as data visualization that would have more space and greater prominence in the new library building. The space on Paley’s lower level designated for the prototype DSC has been cleared of microform and document collections which were reduced (much of the material is now full-text online) and relocated to the Kardon depository. We will try to get the walls up before the spring semester begins. It has turned out to be more costly than hoped and has impacted some things we had hoped to do (e.g., having a full glass wall). The space should be renovated and outfitted and then staffed in the spring of 2015.

Dean Lucia is also concerned how the library will support STEM disciplines beyond licensing increasingly expensive proprietary content. These disciplines have some particular needs for support that are not necessarily being met by the University or met efficiently and which the library is potentially well suited to provide. Crafting in
proposals and implementing data management plans is one area of assistance as these are now being required by many funding agencies. We are reorienting some existing staff capacity to this area. Another area of great need across Temple is for research networking systems that encompass all faculty. At present the medical school has been able to purchase Elsevier SciVal Experts for a large but limited cohort of their faculty, but that is a very expensive option and the rest of the university is left out. The cost for ScivAl Experts for all would be astronomical. We currently have a limited implementation of Thomson Reuteres PIVOT which some other researchers use. We believe the university should consider an enterprise wide solution such as project Vivo which is open source and feeds into the same NIH required national medical researcher networking banks as does SciVal. Dean Lucia expects to go into more depth about this need and proposed solution effort with the committee in future meetings, as well as discussing the opportunities and costs with the provost and others.

Update on Past Meeting Minutes

The Committee minutes are found at http://library.temple.edu/about/faculty-senate-library/minutes. Minutes for the 2013 meetings are found there. There was a meeting on April 10th, 2014, but it was focused on a building briefing/design meeting with the architects from Snohetta. There are no minutes available for this particular meeting.
Dean of Libraries’ Report

Dean Lucia indicated that since the committee had last met in October 2014, he wanted to provide an update on the new building project which has passed the 50% design development stage. Design development should be finished in about two months. Renderings of the building exterior and interior were shown to the committee, and drawings were shared.

first floor/entry level
- The main entrance faces east toward 13th St., onto what will ultimately become a large open green quad
- There is a secondary entrance/exit from Liacouras walk.
- At the south end of the building at Polett Walk there is a 160 to 200 seat 24/7 space with a cafe.
- There is a large event space centrally located that would include the current paley lecture hall functions but be much better configured and equipped so more and larger events of various types might be held.
- There is a large service zone in the center (reference, circulation, reserves, and pickup)
- Self service book pick up from the asrs
- Special collections main reading room
- Special collections instruction/multipurpose room
- Exhibition space
- Vertical circulation consists primarily of two public elevators and a central stair that is open, not hidden and closed as in Paley.

Below the first floor is a basement level that is not public
- Special collections closed stacks (compact shelving for rare books etc)
- Special collections conservation lab
• long hallway from north loading dock freight elevator to south end 1 storey elevator for food service supply of the café space
• mechanical
• the foundations of the 60 foot tall volume for the Automated Storage and Retrieval System which continues to occupy space on 1st and 2nd floors. While we are designing a very forward facing building, to support the functions and services of the library of the future, it will still house a substantial amount of tangible material, primarily in the ASRS. These materials are not available in electronic form, cannot legally be digitized while within copyright, and are still wanted ready at hand with minimal delay for student and faculty use, in particular in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. Roughly 1/2 million tangible items are used each year in Paley.

2nd floor -- loading dock level
• loading dock is at the north end of the building off Norris. There has been considerable attention from Snohetta to how the appearance of the dock can be improved through use of a retractable screen, plantings, etc. It is a priority to not detract from the views out of the Tomlinson theatre bldg.
• the Writing Center is at the center at the top of a prominent stairs
• library staff area
• two large instruction spaces

3rd floor
• another library staff area, including the University Press staff
• the Math Science Resource Center will be located on the 3rd floor. Initially this was programmed to just be a small “storefront” referral point for MSRC but it will now be the entire MSRC operation.
• The Teaching and Learning Center will remain in the Bell building for the foreseeable future and will not be coming into the new library building as was once programmed. Essentially a space swap of the MSRC for the TLC that emphasizes and strengthens the student services aspect of the building.

4th floor
• Large quiet reading room at south
• open browsing shelves holding about 200,000 volumes of the circulating collection
• an instruction room now located centrally near the passenger elevators
• a graduate student suite at north end
Chair’s Report: Committee composition for 2014-2015

Chair Shuman noted that the Faculty Senate had issued a call for members for various committees including the FSLC, but that there seem to have not been volunteers. He asked the Dean of Engineering for representation and will pursue again.

We will attempt to meet again this semester, likely early May. Next meeting will focus on the landscape of scholarly communication and publishing, and would include as guest Mary Rose Muccie, Director of the Temple University Press and the University Libraries’ Scholarly Communication Officer.