

BFA Library Committee Chair Report

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In my first year as the Chair of the BFA Library Committee (BFALC), my primary goal was to establish an infrastructure that promotes and facilitates communication between the faculty members and the Library on the CU Boulder campus. By infrastructure, I mean a set up where any faculty member on this campus can find a BFALC representative and ask him/her to relay any concern or suggestion or comment to the committee and where any issue or news that the committee discusses can be disseminated to all the faculty members on this campus if needed to.

For this purpose, I discussed with the BFA Bylaw committee the current, though outdated, membership composition requirement for the BFALC. This discussion was timely because the Bylaw committee also felt that the current membership requirement is unclear in its rationale, out of norms with the other BFA committees, and in need of revision. I also discussed this issue with the BFALC members. As a result of these discussions, I believe that we have come to a consensus, namely that the BFALC members ideally should have a representative from each of the nine Colleges/Schools, except that the College of the Arts & Science should have a representative from each of the three major areas (Arts & Humanities, Natural Sci, and Soc. Sci). The relevant Standing Rule did not get to be revised to reflect this proposal this year but I believe this task is on the agenda for the next year. In the meantime, we have made a progress toward this goal by finding faculty members from the colleges such as Engineering for which we are currently missing representatives. In fact, the only college currently missing a representation is Natural Science and I'll be working with Vicki Grove, the current Secretary and the Vice Chair of BFA next year, in trying to find a representative from that area.

Also in order to deliberate on *what* needs to be communicated , we invited Deirdre Keating of Higher Education Communications to the BFALC meeting on Jan 22 to discuss what is being done currently by the Library to communicate with the university community. It was a very valuable session where we learned, for example, things that many faculty members do not know about but should (e.g. research support, financial support for open access publication, library material delivery to mailbox, ..) and we discussed what we as the BFA committee members can disseminate such information as well as solicit from faculty members more of such ideas. We

Another major goal that BFALC pursued is the Open Educational Resource (OER) initiative. The excessive pricing of textbooks these days is hurting students and we believe there is much

that we can do to help our students deal with this problem. For this purpose, we had Jennie Gerke, the Interim Associate Dean of the Univ. Libraries, come to one of the BFALC meetings and talk about an successful OER endeavor at the Leeds School of Business that she was involved in along with several others including the Business School Librarians and some faculty members at Leeds. Melissa Cantrell, a Scholarly Communication Librarian on this campus, also came to another session and gave us a brief on the status of open access at CU in general. We planned to have her come to a BFA General Assembly and inform the BFA members about OER but we postponed her presentation to next Fall as we felt that it would be more effective then.

Over the last year, BFALC has been briefed and discussed a number of other topics, which are listed below and has been described in the summaries of the each BFALC meeting.

- Libraries Collection budget, Yem Fong
- Elsevier Acquisition of BePress, Jennifer Knieval
- Dean's Search Committee update:
- Progress with Archives, Heather Ryan, Special Collection and Archives.
- Author display, Gabby Wiersma
- Music Lib update and tour
- Budget Update
- Institutional Repository update
- Text Mining and Issues of Standardization, Kai Larsen
- Building update, Jennifer Knieval