

### **Proposal 3**

As part of an overall strategy to reflect the changing landscape of the School of Liberal Arts, as well as to economize faculty participation in School of Liberal Arts committees, the ad-hoc Bylaws Review Committee recommends the following action item for consideration by the Faculty:

#### ***Reduce the size of the Library Committee***

##### *Current situation:*

The Library Committee is a large committee that includes all of the designated library liaisons from each department and program of the School of Liberal Arts.

#### **Section 4.e. Library Committee**

1. The Library Committee shall maintain contact with University Libraries to ensure representation of the interests and needs of the School of Liberal Arts to provide the Dean and the faculty with up-to-date information on ordering procedures, library policies, liaison, and budgetary resources. The Committee shall monitor policies concerning access to library collections in all media, both on and off campus.
2. The Committee shall consist of all the designated library liaisons from the departments and programs of the School of Liberal Arts, a representative of the Library designated by the Dean of the University Library, a designated Agenda Council representative, a non-voting School administrative officer designated by the Dean, and a student.

##### *Proposal:*

The Library Committee will be reduced in size to include only five members, elected by and from the departmental library liaisons.

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4. The Committee shall consist of five members elected from among the designated library liaisons from the departments and programs of the School of Liberal Arts, a representative of the Library designated by the Dean of the University Library, a designated Agenda Council representative, a non-voting School administrative officer designated by the Dean, and a student.

*Rationale:*

The evolving landscape of research technologies has changed the ways in which students and faculty alike interact with library resources. A full committee composed of all library liaisons within the School no longer seems warranted given that what was once considered particular to a standing library is now considered part of information literacy, which more and more is focused on searching for and working with resources found online. A smaller committee of elected library liaisons will be sufficient to “maintain contact with University Libraries, to ensure representation of the interests and needs of the School of Liberal Arts to provide the Dean and the faculty with up-to-date information on ordering procedures, library policies, liaison, and budgetary resources”, as stated in the current bylaws.

*Known and expected benefits:*

The reduction of this large committee would allow its many members to potentially serve on other committees within the School. Additionally, a smaller committee may yield greater efficiency while also maintaining the representation of the School’s interests.