

The ad-hoc Bylaws Review Committee recommends the following action item for consideration by the Faculty:

### ***Dissolution of the Library Committee***

#### *Current situation:*

The Library Committee is a large standing 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 dissolved as a standing committee and Section 4.e from Article IV of the Bylaws will be eliminated. The system of departmental library liaisons should be maintained, but as part of the administrative structure of the School, under the purview of the Associate Dean for Research.

#### *Rationale:*

According to Robert's Rules, "A standing committee can and should be dissolved when: i) It cannot ensure or is not ensuring core business and structural functions of the Association for which the standing committee was initially established. ii) Another body functionally fulfills its mission."

The Library Committee seems to meet these criteria: The committee did not meet in 2017, and no functions were disrupted. Given new technologies and ways in which faculty and students interact with library resources, the committee seems unnecessary. The library liaisons can communicate with their departmental librarians directly. Furthermore, the School has a representative on the IFC library committee who can provide the Dean and the faculty with up-to-date information on library issues.