

**UCF Library Advisory Committee  
2017-18 Annual Report to the Faculty Senate**

**1. Title**

Library Advisory Committee  
Academic Year 2017-18 Summary Report

**2. Summary of Meetings**

The Library Advisory Committee met twice in the John C. Hitt Library, room 511, during the 2017-18 academic year; once in the Fall 2017 semester (November 17, 2017) and once in the Spring semester (April 23, 2018). Each meeting lasted approximately 1 hour (please refer to the Library Advisory Committee minutes for details of time, date, and location - [http://facultysenate.ucf.edu/Minutes/Joint\\_Annual\\_Reports/jointindex.asp](http://facultysenate.ucf.edu/Minutes/Joint_Annual_Reports/jointindex.asp)).

**3. Summary of Issues and/or Topics Addressed**

Topics discussed during meetings included (please see committee minutes for more information)

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Project
  - Phase 1 of ARC completed, installation of 3 rows and 3 cranes (6,900 bins), with remaining 2 rows added in Phase 1A (13,000 bins).
  - Bldg Phase 1A will begin Summer 2018 with anticipated completion early 2020, adding connector building between ARC and library.
  - Quiet zone opened April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on 5<sup>th</sup> floor, grand opening celebration scheduled for August 2018.
  - Book “ingestion” process will begin Summer 2018 to the ARC.
  - Some anticipated transit friction during ingestion process, however it will be minimal limited to 2-3 days to acquire materials checked out via electronic system.
- Downtown Campus Library
  - Daily courier proposed between UCF Main Campus and Downtown to transport a “Floating Collection”.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor library of UCF Downtown Campus will accommodate 60 students and 10,000 volumes.
  - Head Librarian target hiring by January 2019.
- New Integrated Library System (ILS)
  - Due to software and systems incompatibilities across 40 Florida institutions, the ILS has been suspended; Ongoing inquiries will continue.
  - Aleph software will be updated to integrate with the ARC software.
- STARS
  - On April 13, 2018, STARS received its 1 millionth download since its inception in July 2015, a feat that usually takes 5 years to achieve was realized in 2 years at UCF. A celebration is scheduled in May.
  - STARS currently houses 78K documents, including Honors’ Theses and Dissertations.
  - Copyright policies should be confirmed/approved/negotiated with publishers prior to uploading articles to STARS.

- Digital Studio
  - Located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the UCF Main Library, 3 @ 70” monitors with editing capabilities comprise a studio for students and faculty to be used for presentations and lectures.
  - The Digital Studio must be reserved ahead of time to use and will be fully operational by Fall 2018.
  - The building of this studio was part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library project.
- Textbook Affordability
  - Results from the 2016 Textbook Survey revealed financial difficulties students face when purchasing textbooks in terms of college affordability.
  - Several open educational resources and textbooks were discussed to help reduce the cost of higher education for students.
  - Current cases in UCF classrooms were offered as examples for major reductions in student textbook costs, serving as a model for other disciplines.

#### **4. Recommendations/Outcomes**

Committee members asked questions and added feedback to the topics discussed in #3 (please see committee minutes for further information). Committee did not draft, nor vote on, any resolutions.

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2017 – 2018 UCF Committee Chair

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