

**UCF Library Advisory Committee  
2018-19 Annual Report to the Faculty Senate**

**1. Title**

Library Advisory Committee  
Academic Year 2018-19 Summary Report

**2. Summary of Meetings**

The Library Advisory Committee met twice in the John C. Hitt Library, room 511, during the 2018-19 academic year; once in the Fall 2018 semester (October 29, 2018) and once in the Spring semester (on February 15, 2019). Each meeting lasted approximately 1 hour (refer to Library Advisory Committee minutes for details of time, date, and location).

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

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

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Project updates: (Phase IA involving the connector building progressing and expected to be completed by Fall 2019); furniture selection for 1K new seats underway; Phase IA involving ingested of books into ARC (Automatic retrieval center) is completed and operational (several LAC members toured ARC following February 15 meeting); Planning Phase IIA to renovate floors of existing John C. Hitt library; 5<sup>th</sup> floor Quiet Zone opened Fall 2018; 4<sup>th</sup> floor of ARC will be used as a reading room.
- Downtown Campus Academic Building will have instructional, research assistance, collection and study space presence; Will have capacity for 10,000 volumes and a study/reading area of 50-60 seats; over 100 faculty will teach at the Downtown Campus.
- STARS (Showcase of Text, Archives, Research & Scholarship) – Over 1.6 million downloads from STARS thus far; clarified that thesis and dissertations are not automatically added to STARS, but added by staff each semester upon final submission; HIM student upload their theses directly to STARS.
- Textbook Affordability – Survey of 1,975 UCF students responded that 83% delayed purchasing textbooks and 53% did not buy the textbook; bookstores have program to allow students to purchase books while waiting for financial aid; efforts being made to improve textbook affordability with library sourced ebooks or other low cost equivalents without infringing on faculty academic freedom; 1.33 million in savings thus far; \$700 million in Library savings; higher-level courses may use books already in the collection and are more likely to be available for e-book purchase; some print text reserve may be available; faculty encouraged to contact subject librarian and explore options; textbook affordability website being developed.
- A Library Services brochure is under development for targeted presentations

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

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

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Library Advisory Committee