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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIII-M3

Library Committee Purview Change


1. Motion presenter: Brigitte Bailey
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 11/17/08
3. Motion:

The Library Committee moves that matters pertaining to information technology be added to the committee's purview and that a member of the Library Committee serve each year on the Steering Committee for Information Technology (SCIT).

4. Rationale:

Given the increasing integration of information technology and library services and the vital interest faculty have in technological decisions at the institutional level, the Library Committee recommends that information technology be added to the Library Committee's purview and that a committee member serve each year on SCIT, which is a newly established advisory committee to the president, and report to the Library Committee on the deliberations of SCIT. SCIT is a university-wide committee composed primarily of administrators, with input from the Faculty and Student Senates and from the Graduate Student Organization, and is chaired by the vice president for administration and finance. SCIT convenes monthly to discuss and make policy on IT issues at the institutional level; and these IT issues encompass matters of importance to faculty and to the university's academic mission, such as instructional technology and technology in support of research. SCIT is charged with developing a Technology Master Plan for UNH and with revising the IT governance system. We were invited by Tom Franke, who is the director of Computing and Information Services and a member of SCIT, to send faculty representation to the committee. The chair of the Library Committee discussed such a change with the dean of the University Library as well as with Tom Franke, both of whom endorsed this connection between the senate and SCIT. Now Library Committee member Steve Tuttle is serving on SCIT. This motion would make Faculty Senate representation permanent and give faculty two SCIT members, who are currently Steve Tuttle of the senate and Mihaela Sabin of the faculty at large.

5. Senate action: passed; approved unanimously.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on December 2, 2008

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on December 2, 2008

Forwarded to: Dean of the Library, on December 2, 2008

Forwarded to: Chair of the Steering Committee for Information Technology, on December 2, 2008