

DATE: April 2, 2015

TO: Maximilian Seel
Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

FROM: Craig Waddell
Senate President

SUBJECT: Senate Proposal 32-15

COPIES: Glenn D. Mroz, President
Dale R. Tahtinen, Secretary of the Board of Control

At its meeting on April 1, 2015, the University Senate approved Proposal 32-15, "Establishment of a Library Liaisons and a Library Advisory Committee". The Senate looks forward to approval of this proposal by the administration. Please keep me informed about the decision of the administration on this proposal and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

APPROVED:

subject to amendment that clarifies voting and change (see attached)


Max J. Seel, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs 4/22/15
Date

APPROVED:


Glenn D. Mroz, President 4/24/15
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clarification re. proposal 32-15 "establishment of a library liaisons....."

1 message

Maximilian Seel <seel@mtu.edu>

Thu, Apr 23, 2015 at 10:13 AM

To: Ellen Marks <ebmarks@mtu.edu>

Cc: Maximilian Seel <seel@mtu.edu>, Jane Waters <jewaters@mtu.edu>, Brian Barkdoll <barkdoll@mtu.edu>, Robert Froese <froese@mtu.edu>

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Jane Waters <jewaters@mtu.edu>

Re: clarification re. proposal 32-15 "establishment of a library liaisons....."

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Colleagues,

Just a point of information... during discussions, the ad hoc committee discussed whether a place should be reserved on the LAC for one representative each from the graduate and undergraduate students, in addition to or instead of the opportunity to be selected as an "at large" member. The committee reached out to both GSG and USG for feedback but only received responses from GSG. While the committee was open to the idea that the student reps would be a voting member, the GSG actually requested that the position be non-voting. Seeing no reason to disagree, this recommendation was brought forward as written in the Senate proposal.

As written, a liaison from the USG could be selected as an "at large" member of the LAC and serve with vote, while the GSG liaison is *ex officio* a member of the LAC, and serves without vote. This discrepancy should be addressed.

Cheers,

...Robert

On Apr 23, 2015, at 10:56 AM, Ellen Marks <ebmarks@mtu.edu> wrote:

It is my understanding that the student representatives should both be non-voting members to privilege faculty perspectives concerning what had been the main problem at the time this was created - the scholarly literature. I would have no problem at all having them as voting members.

Because there is no other group that brings forth constituencies' views on other important aspects of the library, the uses and priorities of the library as space could be of concern. I would appreciate it if we (the library) could keep the liaisons informed and they could put forward the views of their constituents - about the library's space utilization, service portfolio, shared technologies, software and equipment. I regret I did not bring this up to the wonderful ad hoc committee since we were so focused on the literature challenge rather than all of the opportunities available from this shared resource.

For example, we reach out to individual faculty on matters related to the transition to digital from print; we are constantly experimenting with different mechanisms for letting faculty know what's available to them; events and exhibits are requested now on average 8 times/month (largely by faculty). These are the tip of the iceberg of things faculty and students should weigh in at the highest levels.

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