



# Faculty Senate

## Libraries Committee 2023-2024 Interim Report

Presented by Rhonda Schwindt and Holly Dugan

Members of the committee:

<i>Schwindt, Rhonda*</i> , Chair	SON	Voting
<i>Dugan, Holly</i> , Co-Chair	CCAS	Voting
<i>Feldman, Ilana*</i> , FSEC Liaison	ESIA	Voting
Abate, Laura	Himmelfarb	Non-Voting
Chung, Sunghun	GWSB	Voting
Ghaedi, Mohammad	CCAS/ESIA	Voting
Greenstein, Tricia	GWSC/LAI	Non-Voting
Henry, Geneva	LAI	Non-Voting
Issoufou, Ira	GWSA	Non-Voting
Jones, Sylvia	Staff	Non-Voting
Karroum, Elias	SMHS	Voting
McAleer-Keeler, Kerry	CCAS	Voting
Pagel, Scott	Law Library	Nonvoting
Patel, Ashesh	SMHS	Voting
Peng, Yisheng	CCAS	Voting
Scalzitti, David	SMHS	Voting
Telikicherla, Puja	CPS	Voting
Temprosa, Marinella	GWSPH	Voting
Venzke, Margaret	SON	Voting
Warren, John	CPS	Voting

The committee met twice during the fall semester (September 21 and November 16, 2023). In September, the committee reviewed the charges for AY 2023 (see below). To address charge 1, an update was provided re: repairs to Gellman and Himmelfarb facilities. LAI leadership discussed staff and librarian positions (charge 2) and the committee brainstormed avenues to enhance library funding (charge 2). The committee began the process of reviewing and assessing open-educational resources, specifically the previously open-access resolution passed in 2015 [GWU's 2015 Open Access Resolution](#) (charge 4).

1. Address any deficiencies of the physical library spaces (including HVAC) and monitor plans and progress on repairs to these spaces;
2. Assess staff and librarian positions and the impact of a limited budget on these, weighing this against adjustments in library collections
3. Consider avenues for improving library funding; and
4. In light of the Wiley/Proquest issues last summer, assess open-access educational resources

At the November meeting, the committee received an update for LAI and Himmelfarb. For LAI, elevator updates will be completed after Thanksgiving, three librarian searches are underway, and progress on hiring staff for the Sloan Foundation grant is moving forward. Himmelfarb has successfully filled two librarian positions and the search for a Serials Librarian will begin December 1, 2023. Improvements to the library's physical space continue and discussions are ongoing with the Deans of Nursing, SPH, and SMHS regarding the assessment and revision of the formula for funding due to changes in enrollment at the School of Nursing. The priority is to maintain stability in staffing and collections. The committee also discussed the status of the previously passed Open-Access Resolution. It was determined that it was stalled in OECR. Geneva will follow-up on the changes requested and report back to the committee at the next meeting. The committee remains committed to moving the resolution forward to facilitate the establishment of open-access educational resources at GW.