

**Report to the Stockton Faculty Senate
regarding the FY 2023 – 24 activities of the Library Committee**

1. 2023 – 2024 membership of the Faculty Senate Committee on the Library

Faculty Members

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| Vasundhara Chakraborty | Chair (2022-2024) |
| Christy Goodnight | Vice Chair (2023-2024), BUSN |
| Katherine Panagakos | ARHU (2023–2025) |
| Amy Ackerman | EDUC (2023–2025) |
| Mariam Hussein | GENS (2023–2025) |
| Monika Pawlowska | HLTH (2023–2025) |
| Riehl Cheyenne | Library (2023–2025) |
| Jeffrey Webber | NAMS (2023–2025) |
| Connie Tang | SOBL (2023–2025), & Union Representative |

Ex Officio Members

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| Patricia Thatcher | Interim Associate Provost, Library & Learning Commons |
| Mark Jackson | Director of Production Services |
| Kathleen Klein | Director of Center for Teaching & Learning Design |

2. The Library Committee meetings AY 2023-2024

- October 13, 2023
- December 14, 2023
- February 29, 2024
- April 29, 2024

3. There were three issues which emerged in the course of the year:

- A. Z courses, Z1 – no cost and Z2- low cost courses.
- B. Library commons plan
- C. Research projects by student scholars with recommendations for the library.

4. The October meeting: there was no business other than updates from the Library interim Director pertaining to:

- A. Renovations to the library into state of the art learning commons
- B. New facilities for group & private study.
- C. Advising, tutoring, testing
- D. Career development & discovery
- E. Learning & teaching development center.

5. **The December meeting had updates related to the following:**
 - A. SMART Textbooks Online Community, A Board of Trustees Fellowship for Distinguished Students Project was presented by Jessica Nash, BSSW student.
 - B. Dr. Patricia Thatcher shared the Library learning commons concept study and schematic plans for renovation academic spine.
 - C.
6. **The February meeting had discussions related to the following:**
 - A. The guest speaker Luke O'Connor who was awarded a Board of Trustees Fellowship for Distinguished Student, presented his research project, *21st Century Libraries: Reinstating the Library as a Fundamental Piece of Our Culture* at the meeting.
7. **The April meeting – there was no business other than updates from the Library interim Director pertaining to:**
 - a. Dr. Patricia Thatcher gave updates about the library plan. The plan has to be approved by the board and then it goes to the state, department of community affairs. Tentatively construction will start by December 2024 or January 2025
 - b. Cheyenne gave a short presentation on the plans of the library to implement usage of AI.
 - c. Discussion on Generative AI.
 - d. Faculty members of the committee shared their experience of using AI with students, how there were many positive effects along with some concerns.

Vasundhara Chakraborty,
Chair
on behalf of the Faculty Senate Committee on the Library

Meeting agendas and approved minutes are attached. (Minutes from October 2023, December 2023, February 2024 and April 2024 are attached.)

Meeting minutes: 4/29/2024

Attended by: Patricia Thatcher, Monika E. Pawlowska, Connie Tang, Amy Ackerman, Mariam Hussein, Riehl Cheyenne, Jeffrey Webber, Vasundhara Chakraborty

1. Meeting brought to order by Vasundhara Chakraborty at 2:32pm.
2. Approval of minutes from 2/29/2024.
3. Following are some of the main points discussed:
 - a. Dr. Patricia Thatcher gave updates about the library plan. The plan has to be approved by the board and then it goes to the state, department of community affairs. Tentatively construction will start by December or January 2025
 - b. Cheyenne gave a short presentation on the plans of the library to implement usage of AI.
 - c. Generative AI, how we can use AI.
 - d. Faculty members of the committee shared their experience of using AI with students, how there were many positive effects along with some concerns.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm

Meeting minutes: 2/29/2024

Attended by: Patricia Thatcher, Christy Goodnight, Monika E. Pawlowska, Connie Tang, Amy Ackerman, Mariam Hussein, Riehl Cheyenne, Jeffrey Webber, Vasundhara Chakraborty

1. Meeting brought to order by Vasundhara Chakraborty at 2:30pm.
2. Approval of minutes from 12/14/2023.
3. The guest speaker Luke O'Connor who was awarded a Board of Trustees Fellowship for Distinguished Student, presented his research project, *21st Century Libraries: Reinstating the Library as a Fundamental Piece of Our Culture* at the meeting.
4. Following are some of the main points he discussed:
 - a. Understanding the role of libraries in the 21st century and crucial to adapting changes to information access.
 - b. Visited 12 institutions.
 - c. Provost wrote a bond. That was approved. There is now going to be renovation. Decision about what changes need to be made.
 - d. Library creates community, resources, education, accessibility, technology, expertise Insights into library Core functions, environmental considerations, technological integration, study spaces, café amenities, adaptable spaces, advanced presentation tools, makerspaces, podcasting & video recording facilities, data walls& visualization displays.
 - e. Best practices: modular spaces & furniture, semi private spaces, navigability based on intuition, research tech assistance accessibility, varied noise levels, clear signage, experiential learning.

Meeting minutes 12/14/2023

Attended by: Patricia Thatcher, Christy Goodnight, Monika E. Pawlowska, Connie Tang, Amy Ackerman, Mariam Hussein, Riehl Cheyenne, Jeffrey Webber, Vasundhara Chakraborty

Meeting brought to order by Vasu Chakraborty at 2:35pm.

1. SMART Textbooks Online Community, A Board of Trustees Fellowship for Distinguished Students Project was presented by today's guest, Jessica Nash, BSSW student.
2. The SMART TOC is Student Mutual Aid Reselling and Trading Textbooks Online Community is a space for students to buy, sell, and trade their used textbooks and course materials.
3. Create a student mutual aid community
4. Reduce textbook expenses
5. Increase textbook access
6. Develop a universal model
7. Dr. Patricia Thatcher shared the Library learning commons concept study and schematic plans for renovation academic spine.
 - a. Renovations to the library into state of the art learning commons
 - b. New facilities for group & private study.
 - c. Advising, tutoring, testing
 - d. Career development & discovery
 - e. Learning & teaching development center.

Meeting ended at 3:45pm

Meeting minutes 10/13/2023

Attended by: Patricia Thatcher, Christy Goodnight, Monika E. Pawlowska, Connie Tang, Amy Ackerman, Mariam Hussein, Riehl Cheyenne, Jeffrey Webber, Vasundhara Chakraborty

Meeting was brought to order at 2:32pm

1. General introductions and welcome to new members.
2. Dr. Patricia Thatcher shared the Library learning commons concept study and schematic plans for renovation academic spine.
 - a. Renovations to the library into state of the art learning commons
 - b. New facilities for group & private study.
 - c. Advising, tutoring, testing
 - d. Career development & discovery
 - e. Learning & teaching development center.
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3. Using free textbooks
4. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.