

Libraries Consolidation Working Group Process

Whereas, shared governance rights for faculty, academic staff, and students are articulated in Chapter 36 of state statutes;

Whereas, eight faculty, two academic staff, two classified staff, and three students serve on the campus shared governance [Library Committee](#);

Whereas, Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.46 (B) lists the Library Committee functions;

Whereas, the chancellor and provost charged Vice Provost of Libraries Ed Van Gemert with creating the Libraries Consolidation Working Group-to study, evaluate, and make recommendations about library consolidation;

Whereas, the Working Group Charter states, *"This project will make recommendations to reduce the physical footprint of the libraries through consolidation. Consolidating libraries will help to preserve core functions in the face of stagnant acquisition budgets. This will enable the libraries to reallocate dollars from personnel to necessary materials, technology infrastructure, and core research and teaching services. The result will be a smaller staff..."*

Whereas, the Vice Provost of Libraries appointed the members of the Libraries Consolidation Working Group;

Whereas, the Libraries Consolidation Working Group includes activities which fall under several of the Library Committee's functions, such as making recommendations regarding the establishment, abolition or merger of libraries supported by university funds, and making recommendations to the chancellor;

Whereas, the Libraries Consolidation Working Group does not include any voting members of the Library Committee;

Whereas, an April 14, 2015, memo to Library staff stated, *"When the group was formed, it was decided that the discussions would not be made public, but that we would be as open as possible about the process we are using...Decisions, recommendations, and the related documents and analysis will be available, after everything has been delivered to the Provost."*; and

Therefore be it resolved, the Library Committee work with the Vice Provost for Libraries to finalize the process for shared governance involvement in the disposition of the recommendations; and

Therefore be it further resolved, the final report of the Library Consolidation Working Group be presented to and feedback sought from the Library Committee, the Academic Staff Assembly, the Faculty Senate, the Classified Congress, and Associated Students of Madison-before it is adopted by central administration.