

FSU Academic Senate
Library/Historical/Archives Committee
Final Report 2009-2010

Committee chair Brian Brady (Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology) called the first meeting of the year to order October 13, 2009. The committee members unanimously re-elected Brian Brady. Members decided not to select a permanent secretary but elected to share the duties from month to month. The committee addressed new business as well as old for the 2009-2010 academic year.

New member Meral Topcu was welcomed to the committee this year. The committee also welcomed the addition of student members Sandra Winchell and Marci Grishom.

The committee reviewed and revised the mission statement to read as per the following:

This committee shall:

- 1. Review and make recommendations on all policies concerning the library, including but not limited to, policies concerning circulation of materials, acquisition of materials, automation, document delivery, use of space, support services and so forth.*
- 2. Support the development and expansion of the Ferris Archival program.*

As the search for a new Dean of FLITE was suspended prior to the new school year, the members again requested that a member of the LHAC be seated on the search committee when it is reconvened. Brian Brady volunteered for this position if it were to occur this year. As of the time of this report, a search committee had not been reformed.

At the request of member Christopher Richmond (Counseling Center) the televisions in FLITE were updated with close-captioning.

Interim Dean of FLITE, Ms. Leah Monger, regularly shared the successes of the library with the committee members. Highlights of this year's successes included:

- FLITE held its first ever indoor disc golf tournament with mini-Frisbees during "Bulldog Beginnings."
- FLITE is now on-line with social media (Facebook and Twitter).
- Collaboration with Admissions on "FLITE Training School" to encourage high-school students to use the library for research.
- Archivist Melinda Isler taught 23 sections of FSUS on Ferris history and Woodbridge Ferris.
- FLITE started offering In-depth one-on-one research consultations for students this year. These by-appointment sessions became very popular this year and received very positive feedback from both students and faculty.

- Participation in and support for 125th celebration events, including the geo-caching event.
- Technology updates were completed to eight instructional studios and seminar rooms.
- Replacement of RefWorks at a cost of \$12,000/year with the freeware rebase that included custom in-house features and tutorials.
- An electronic resources management system is in development.
- Improvements have been made to the user interface of the library's online catalog.
- Completion of the draft of the FLITE Business Continuity Plan
- Held seven focus group meetings with students to assess their opinion of the library services.
- Media production implemented more efficient methods of streaming video via FerrisConnect.
- Media Production aired a series of diversity programs at no cost on Ferris Cable TV.
- Media Production provided many services in support of the 125th anniversary celebration, the Globalization Initiative, locally hosted conferences, and numerous campus events.

Thanks are extended to all the committee members for their participation, valuable input, and commitment. The committee also extends their gratitude to Interim Dean Leah Monger and Melinda Isler for their valued insight and expertise, which allowed this committee to be productive again this year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Brian Brady
Chairperson