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COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES ANNUAL REPORT FOR AY 21-22

Notes on Council Annual Reports:

- *Reports should be written as a report, not as a letter to President or Provost.
- *Reports should not have a cover sheet
- *Please update membership list as needed
- *Please use data tables or graphs when appropriate

Membership:

<u>School, Department, Office represented:</u>	<u>Name:</u>
A&S	Hakan Tell*
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A&S	Michelle Clarke
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Library	Sue Mehrer (convener)
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Provost	Paul E. Sunde
Student Affairs	Joe Castelot
Thayer	Geoffrey G. Parker
Tuck	Davin Chor
Undergraduate Student	Victoria Quint
Undergraduate Student	Guilherme Ramos

*Denotes Council Chair

Charge as described in the Organization of the General Faculty of Dartmouth College (OGFDC):

1. To represent the faculty and students in maintaining the excellence of the Library with respect to its collections, resources, services, programs, and spaces for the benefit of the Dartmouth community.
2. To assist in strategic planning for the Library by keeping the Dean of Libraries informed about current and future library needs for teaching, learning, and research, and providing liaison between the Dean of Libraries and the faculties of Dartmouth.

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3. To advise the Dean of Libraries on formulation and implementation of policies and programs in relation to collection development and collection management, development of new library services and on other matters of general library policy.
4. To submit a report to the General Faculty at the end of each academic year.

Number of meetings per term (or season), for the past academic year:

The council met roughly once a month for a total of six meetings.

Activities for the past academic year:

The Council had three goals for the academic year: 1) Conduct overview of budget cuts in a five-year perspective; 2) Establish enduring channels of communications with faculty governance across campus; 3) Change workflow of Council so that the meetings became more deliberative and less focused on information gathering.

To meet these goals, the Council wrote a report on the budget cuts the library had experienced over the last five years. It invited the Provost to attend one of its meetings to discuss how the budget of the library is established. The Council also reached out to CPr and got invited to one of its meetings on May 24, 2022. At that meeting, the Council presented its report of the budget cuts and offered recommendations for how CPr could help raise awareness of the library's needs. I have attached both the report from the Council and CPr's written response.

Key insights or recommendations:

When speaking to the Provost and the CPr, the Council highlighted the following recommendations: 1) that the College reverse the trend of reducing the library's budget and instead invest in library resources to ensure that Dartmouth can continue to support world class research and teaching; 2) that the library be designated as an academic unit in planning and budget decisions, not considered administrative or non-academic; 3) that the Provost's Office consults with the Council on the Libraries on future budget discussions that would negatively impact the library's ability to support the academic mission.

Recommended topics of the council to consider in the coming year:

The Council set the following two priorities for next academic year: 1) Continue to communicate with faculty governance to ensure that faculty is informed about the library's needs; 2) Explore concerns raised in Council meetings about equity in access to teaching materials. Students, faculty, and library representatives have all expressed frustration with the increasing cost of textbooks and the burden it places on students, faculty, and the library. The Council will explore this issue over the next academic year with the goal of developing a set of recommendations to be presented to the Provost and CPr.

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The Council will also engage with the library to start the process of strategic planning for the future.

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