

BFC: Libraries Committee

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Attendance:

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Additional Members
 - a. Recruitment in progress
3. Overview of BFC: Libraries Teams folder
4. Purpose of the Committee Discussion
 - a. Our charge for the year is to define the committee's role.
 - b. Why did you join this committee? What are you expecting? What should we do?
 - c. Recent history:
 - i. Last year we considered how to support the libraries' strategic plan but could not make much progress. Much of library-related policy is handled in other BFC committees e.g. research, technology, faculty affairs, mediation, etc. The committee has assisted with the Open Access Policy review in the past. We did not update the BFC in AY 23-24.
 - d. History of the Committee
 - i. From Lana

Libraries Committee, from policy BL-ACA-B10, which was passed in 2022:

The Libraries Committee's purpose is to be well informed concerning current library policies, functions, and collections, and to advise and collaborate with the Ruth Lilly Dean of the University Libraries in order to advance the mission of the University. The committee and Dean regularly update the Bloomington Faculty Council on matters concerning the Libraries.

- ii. The committee has existed since the 1980s

- e. Questions:
 - i. Could the committee support library shared-governance structures?

Libraries Shared Governance Information:

<https://libraries.indiana.edu/faculty-staff-representation>
<https://libraries.indiana.edu/about-bloomington-library-faculty-blif>
<https://libraries.indiana.edu/promotion-tenure-librarians>

- ii. How could the committee help publicize the work of the libraries? (This is often done by Liaison/subject-specialist librarians, who connect libraries to departments, but how can this publicity be bolstered?)
5. Other business
- a. Alexis to contact Diane; members to chat with colleagues about what they need from the libraries; ongoing member recruitment