

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

June 15, 2024

To the Oakland University Senate Steering Committee

This is the Senate Library Committee Year-End-Report for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Chair: Kathryn Rougeau

Committee Members: Polly Boruff-Jones, Ryan Olds, Nivedita Mukherji, Helen Levenson, Karen McGarry, Mariela Hristova, Betty Toniou, Aycil Cesmelioglu, Tracey Taylor, Rebekah Farrugia, Jason Jimenez, Neha Bhatt, Xia Wang, Liz Shesko, Yazan Roumani, Nancy Bulgarelli, Molly McGuire, Misa Mi

Committee Meetings: The committee met once monthly, online via Zoom, from September 2023 to April 2024, hosting 6 meetings. The Authors at Oakland event was held in person on March 20, 2024, and is described below.

Committee Charge:

1. To serve as a liaison between the University Libraries and the faculty and students of the University; to bring faculty and student opinion before the library and to interpret library policies to faculty and students;
2. To advise the library and the University Senate in the formulation of broad general policies on collections, buildings, facilities, and services. These policies shall be presented to the University administration by the Dean of the University Libraries;
3. To receive timely and regular reports from the Dean of the University Libraries on current and proposed library plans and policies;
4. To receive timely and regular reports from the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost on current and proposed university plans and policies which may impact the University Libraries and to advise and make recommendations on same;
5. To receive reports and recommendations from other duly constituted committees and to advise and make recommendations to the Senate and its committees, as needed;
6. To take on additional duties as directed by the Senate Steering Committee; and
7. To meet regularly, but at least once each semester.

Major Projects/Initiatives:

Authors at Oakland (March 20, 2024)-

Hosted at the Kresge Library, Authors at Oakland was open to the OU community and well attended by faculty, staff, and students. This year the SLC focused on the celebration of the book. The OU community was invited to submit books and/or book chapters for review and selection for this year's celebration.

Provost Rios-Ellis delivered congratulatory remarks and Dr. Bradley Roth and Ryan Standfest presented their research on the following:

- Bradley Roth, PhD: Discussion of Are Electromagnetic Fields Making Me Ill? How Electricity and Magnetism Affect Our Health
- Ryan Standfest, MFA: Discussion of A Useful Bile: André Breton's Humour Noir in 1960s America from Radical Dreams: Surrealism and Revolution

In April, following the Authors at Oakland Celebration two students were recognized for the 2024 Frank Lepkowski Writing Awards. The 2024 award recipients were:

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- First Place - Isabella Barba
Paper title: "Poverty and Homelessness in Pontiac Michigan"
Class: WRT 1060
Professor: Craig Smith, PhD

- Second Place - Alex Huddleston
Paper title: "Intricacies of the Human Experience: Living in a Modern Context as a Queer Individual"
Class: WRT 1060
Professor: Ben Bennett-Carpenter, PhD

Note for 2024-2025:

There was a call for nominations for a new committee chair with little interest in the position. The Senate Steering Committee has requested that Dr. Rougeau remain chair for the August 15, 2024 - May 31, 2026 term.