

**Library Committee**  
**Annual Report Academic Year 2007–2008**

In FY08, the Library Committee held four meetings, one of which was the joint meeting with the Information Technology Committee to discuss information technology issues of interest to both committees.

The major items of business for the committee included the annual materials budget request; the library's strategic plan; library space shortage; the Learning Commons; and library-related Graduate Student Council issues. Highlights of these discussions are summarized below.

**1) FY09 Materials Budget:**

The library requested an 11% increase (an 8% increase to cover inflationary costs of journals and books and a 3% increase to support expanding research needs for new degree programs, new faculty, and undergraduate research).

**2) Tisch Library Strategic Plan:**

The Tisch Library Strategic Planning Team asked faculty, undergraduate and graduate students to assist in creating a strategic plan in alignment with both Tufts AS&E goals and Tisch Library's mission to support teaching and research.

**3) Library Space Shortage:**

The committee received a report that the library expects to run out of book and journal stack space in FY09. Dean McIntosh has convened a task force to assess space options and the library's plan to shelve bound journals in compact shelving. The task force has begun meeting with an architect to draft a plan.

**4) Learning Commons:**

Most of Tufts peer libraries have a Learning Commons. Tisch Library is writing a case statement for a Learning Commons, including a list of questions for discussion within the Tufts community. The overall plan is for the main floor of the library to be remodeled to provide a continuously evolving “active learning” space. Multiple Learning Commons’ partnerships at Tufts are coalescing, including those involving UIT, Academic Technology, ITS, DCA, Academic Resource Center, and Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching. A one million dollar target is in the Capital Campaign. A central place for media creation, production, and practice as well as interactive learning is being considered for the Learning Commons.

#### **5) Graduate Student Council Issues:**

- Requested that the BLC Virtual Catalog interlibrary loan period be increased from 28 to 42 days. Status: done
- Requested that the “cancel recall request” function in the automated system be fixed. Status: fixed
- Requested that book loan periods for graduate students be extended. This has been postponed until the new SIS is implemented, which hopefully will include online updates to student records to ensure that graduate student due dates are within the registered period.

#### Submitted by the Members of the Library Committee:

Ina Baghdiantz–McCabe, History, chair

Gregory Crane, Classics/ B&P rep

Mark Kachanov, Mechanical Engineering

Jenna Kubly, Graduate Student

Gina Kuperberg, Psychology

John McDonald, Music

Leah McIntosh, Office of the Dean of Arts & Science, ex officio

Jo–Ann Michalak, Director, Tisch Library, ex officio

David Proctor, Graduate Student/ GSC Treasurer

Michael Reed, Biology

David Sloane, German, Russian and Asian Languages

Laura Walters, Assistant Director, Tisch Library for Teaching and Learning, ex officio

Elton Sykes, TCU Senator

Elizabeth Komar, TCU Senator