

Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
Communication from the Chair

December 22, 2016

To: Ruth Greenblatt, Chair, Academic Senate
From: Rich Schneider, Chair, Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
(COLASC)
Cc: Todd Giedt, Executive Director, Academic Senate
Re: Division review: draft bylaw amendment 185.
Committee on Space Planning

Dear Chair Greenblatt,

In response to your request, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) reviewed draft bylaw 185 at its meeting on December 15. Overall, the Committee supports the creation of a standing Committee on Space Planning and offers the following observations and recommendations.

Under Division bylaw 165 B, COLASC's duties affirm the following: *To participate with the University Librarian on matters relating to library budget formulation policy and the allocation of space and apportionment of funds.* Similar to the concerns raised by Academic Planning and Budget with regard to overlapping duties and the proposed Committee on Space Planning, the duties of COLASC could potentially be interpreted as overlapping with those of the proposed Committee on Space Planning.

Therefore, COLASC recommends amending draft bylaw 185 with language that excludes library space from the purview of the new proposed Committee on Space Planning. Alternatively, and at minimum, a statement from the Executive Council acknowledging COLASC's primacy in advising the library and the campus on the use of library space.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed bylaw amendment and your continued support of the library.

Best regards,



Rich Schneider, PhD