

Library Council Summary Report for the 2007-08 Academic Year  
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The Library Council met four times during the 2007-08 academic year: September 26, December 12, February 13 and April 7.

After a year of rebuilding in 2006-07, the Council was close to full membership in 2007-08.

The Council's primary project for 2007-08 was to assist the Tampa library staff in conducting a survey concerning faculty usage of print journals. The survey was undertaken to determine whether subscriptions for some low-use journals could be discontinued in their print form, thereby freeing funds for the purchase of other, higher-demand journals. Planning, survey development and compilation of periodicals lists by content area were undertaken during the fall semester. A pilot version of the survey was completed within the School of Education in January, 2008, leading to further refinements in the survey instrument and distribution process. The final version of the survey was then distributed to faculty in all remaining colleges during the spring semester. Analysis of survey responses was completed by the library staff during late spring and summer. Based on the success of this survey, additional usage surveys (targeting other components of the Tampa library collections) are anticipated in 2008-09.

Midway through the year, the new Library Dean, Bill Garrison, took over for past Dean Derrie Perrez. Dean Garrison attended the February 13 and April 7 meetings of the Council. Dean Garrison has been charged by the Administration with the task of putting the USF Libraries on a trajectory for achieving Association for Research Libraries (ARL) status within the next few years. This goal is aligned with the goal of AAU membership by the University as a whole. Significant portions of the February 13 and April 7 meetings were devoted to learning of Dean Garrison's plans, and considering ways in which the Library Council could support his efforts during the upcoming academic year.

Christine Probes was elected Chair of the 2008-09 Library Council at the April 7 meeting.

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