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To: Phil Troyk, Chairman  
Andy Howard, Secretary  
University Faculty Council  
Illinois Institute of Technology

Re: Changes to the By-Laws section regarding the Library Committee.

Dear Phil and Andy,

The University Library Committee has reconsidered its defining declaration in the Faculty By-Laws and now requests that the UFC consider the following change to the By-Laws.

Currently, the section pertaining to the Library Committee reads: *‘There shall be a Library Committee consisting of no fewer than two members of the faculty, the Deans of the Graduate College and the Undergraduate College, the Dean of Libraries, and the Director of the IIT Downtown Campus Library. The committee shall review the operations and policies of the various university libraries and shall make recommendations, if appropriate, to the UFC concerning library procedures and policies.’*

The Library Committee seeks approval from the UFC to revise the section as follows: *“There shall be a University Library Committee comprised of the Dean of Libraries (ex officio), 8 to 10 faculty members broadly representative of the breadth of academic disciplines, and a student representative from both the graduate and undergraduate colleges. Faculty appointments to the University Library Committee shall be nominated by the Dean of Libraries and approved by the UFC. The term of faculty appointments shall be two years. Student representatives from the Government of the Student Body shall be appointed by the President of Student Government. The term of student appointments shall be one year. The committee shall annually elect a chairperson from their faculty representatives. The University Library Committee shall be responsible for advising University Administration on Library affairs, it shall serve as the chief external advisory group to the Dean of Libraries, it shall act as liaison between the University Libraries and faculty and, when appropriate, it shall provide a faculty perspective on strategic, budgetary and policy matters of concern to the Libraries.”*

Christopher Stewart, Dean of Libraries, and I would like to propose these changes to the UFC. I am hoping to get this on the agenda for January. Please let me know if this is possible so that we can plan to attend.

Thank you.

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Chairman, University Library Committee