

Library Committee
December 1, 2016 ~ 11:00-12:00
109 Gilkey Hall
Agenda

1. **Library Undergraduate Research Awards**

- This issue was mentioned in the [2015-2016 Library Committee Annual Report](#):
 - Undergraduate Research Awards – Christopher Nichols (worked with Cheryl Middleton, OSUL faculty)
 - These awards are given annually to two undergraduates, one in the sciences and one in the humanities, whose submitted research papers exhibited the most diverse and effective use of library personnel, resources and trainings. Library Undergraduate Research Awards are a major part of what we do and they are having a positive influence on the university community; however, we have decided we on the FSLC and the OSUL faculty need to do a better job advertising the awards as total nominations were down in 2015-16 from previous years. That said, the pools continue to be strong and a new category has been added for an honorable mention from either humanities or sciences if that work stands out as sufficiently meritorious.
 - As in past years, finding a donor to fully endow (and perhaps expand) these undergraduate awards is a high priority for the OSUL.
 - o Questions to and responses from the Library:
 - Q: Are Library Committee members needed to participate in the evaluation of nominations?
A: Yes, in the past there has been a member of the Faculty Senate Library Committee on the review panel.
 - Q: Does the solicitation consist solely of the website you forwarded (above)?
How do students know to apply for this funding?
A: There's a variety of ways that the library advertises it. It appears in *OSU Today*, posters are in the Library, bookmarks are distributed to various units across campus, as well as advertising in different areas with fliers.
 - o Library Committee Discussion: How to potentially increase the nominations?

2. **Possible Strategies for Restoring Library Research Travel Grants**

- These travel grants were discontinued by Provost Randhawa.
- Faye Chadwell suggested that the Committee review the '[Proposal for Increased Funding for the Library Research Travel Grant Program](#)' that was linked from the May 9, 2011 Library Committee agenda.

3. **Report from the University Librarian** – Faye Chadwell

- Funding horizon for serials
- Concerns related to the absence of institutional FTE support (dedicated fundraiser) at the OSU Foundation for the Library
- Big Deals for Library Content