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Faculty Senate Library Committee Annual Report to the Academic Assembly of Librarians for Academic Year 2021-2022

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The Faculty Senate Library Committee met three times in FY21-22, once in the fall semester and twice in the spring semester. At each meeting, Dean Lucia provided updates on the current state of affairs at TULUP, and over the course of the year, the committee explored and discussed issues related to library user experience.

At our September 2021 meeting, we discussed the status of the Ambler Campus Library in the aftermath of the tornado damage as well as updates related to scholarly communication, the University Press, and the Scholars Studio. We also continued a conversation from the previous academic year regarding the hybrid experience of using Charles Library across spatial and digital environments.

For our March 2022 meeting, the committee invited Jackie Sipes (User Experience Librarian) to discuss ongoing user experience (UX) work at Charles Library. She highlighted recent UX projects such as the furniture survey, the browse prototyping research, and her ongoing work with the Student Library Advisory Board. In this meeting, the topic of supporting student success came up as a possible agenda item for a future meeting. Steven Bell also provided a short demonstration of Leganto for the group.

The committee's focus on library user experience extended into a follow-up meeting in April 2022, with Ms. Sipes in attendance. In this meeting, we discussed the Libraries' online user experience and potential opportunities to seek more feedback from faculty as part of UX research.