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Article I. Name and Purpose

This organization shall be known as the Library Faculty Association of Oregon State University.

The purpose of the Library Faculty Association is to:

1. ensure that library faculty priorities, on key aspects of library operations (e.g. budgeting, compensation, planning, policy creation, and staffing among others), are represented and considered in library decision-making or policy-making processes by making formal recommendations to library administration,
2. provide a forum for the discussion of library faculty concerns on library and campus issues and, when necessary, advocate and publish positions on those issues,
3. provide a forum for the discussion of issues in library and information science and higher education, and
4. promote and support the research and scholarship activities of the library faculty.

Article II. Membership

All library faculty, including tenured, tenure-track, professional and part-time faculty, instructors and faculty research assistants, are members of the Association. All library employees, including invited students and interns, are welcome to attend meetings; however, only members can vote.

Participation in Association activities is an integral part of a library faculty member’s professional responsibilities. It includes, but is not restricted to attending meetings, reporting on developments on campus and in professional associations, sharing information gained at professional conferences, assisting with the development of programming for the Association’s meetings, presenting research, and mentoring junior faculty members.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. Titles and Terms of Officers

1. The officers of the Association are the President, Past President, Seminar Series Coordinator, Research and Writing Group Coordinator, Mentoring Program Coordinator, LFA Scholarship Coordinator, and Communications Coordinator.
2. The President, Past President, and Coordinators shall assume office on July 1 and serve for a term of one year. A person may serve in any given position in alternate years only.

Section 2. Duties of Officers

1. The officers will collaborate and coordinate their activities and programming for the Association.
2. All officers will conduct annual evaluations of their programs.
3. The President is responsible for the meetings of the Association, including developing the agenda and program, arranging the meeting location, and publicity. The President officiates at all meetings. The President also communicates the Association’s positions on library and campus issues in appropriate forums outside the library, although s/he may choose a designate for such a role if necessary.
4. The Past President is responsible for:
   - Serving as a mentor to the President
   - Attending LAMP meetings as an LFA representative and reporting back to the LFA president and members as is relevant
   - Chairing the President nomination committee, along with at least two other members, including tenure-track and fixed term faculty. The Past President will put out a call for Nominations Committee volunteers by January 15. The work of the Committee
The Seminar Series Coordinator has overall responsibility for programming, publicity and site arrangements for the seminar series and research presentations.

6. The Research and Writing Coordinator acts as a liaison between those needing advice and critique and those capable of giving it. The Research and Writing Coordinator arranges for meetings.

7. The Mentoring Program Coordinator oversees the process and assessment of the LFA Mentoring Program.

8. The LFA Scholarship Coordinator is responsible to

- oversee an annual report of scholarship produced by faculty and staff at OSULP;
- work with the Promotion & Tenure Committee, to coordinate an annual review of the Library Promotion & Tenure Scholarship Guidelines, taking care to ensure alignment with any changes occurring at OSU’s Faculty Senate;
- advocate to library faculty to adopt sound scholarly practices that promote their work (such as establishing an ORCiD account [http://orcid.org/](http://orcid.org/));
- ensure library faculty know to deposit their scholarly and creative outputs to ScholarsArchive@OSU (reminds faculty to deposit, shows them how to, etc.)
- Solicit new posters from library faculty for display in the Willamette Conference Rooms and notify Library Administration to publicize books published by library faculty.

9. The Communications Coordinator is responsible for:

- Taking minutes at LFA meetings (or finding a proxy as needed)
- Making sure that LFA documents are organized and updated on the wiki or on other shared LFA spaces as needed
- Promotional activities - work with Marketing Coordinator to get LFA positions out to the Oregon State University community.

Section 3. Election and Selection of Officers.

1. The President shall be elected by the members of the Association by secret ballot.

2. Eligibility:

   a. All members of the Association, with the exception of the University Librarian, any Associate University Librarians, current LAMP members, and the current Association President, shall be eligible for election to the presidency.

   b. Any member other than tenured or tenure-track faculty may request that his/her name be withheld from the ballot.

   c. Any tenured or tenure-track faculty member may request that his/her name be withheld from the ballot, but not in consecutive years. A copy of the ballot for each year shall be retained by the Association until the subsequent election as documentation.

3. Election results

   a. Election of the President shall be held in April and results compiled prior to the May meeting so that the President-elect can be announced at that meeting.

   b. Should the President-elect not be available to serve as of July 1, the candidate receiving the second highest vote total will be asked to assume office of Association President.

   c. In the event of a tie, a run off election will be held, prior to the May meeting.

   d. The current President or his/her designate is responsible for conducting the election of the incoming President.

   e. The Seminar Series Coordinator, Research and Writing Group Coordinator, Mentoring Program Coordinator, LFA Scholarship Coordinator, and Communications Coordinator are appointed by the incoming President. The President or his/her designate will publicize a call for volunteer after the May LFA meeting. If more than one person desires to serve as a particular coordinator, the president may appoint more than one person to the position. The incoming President will announce the names of the coordinators via email.

Article IV. Meetings and Activities

1. Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 will be reserved for Association activities, such as the meetings described in paragraphs 2 to 4 below.

2. Association meetings shall be held monthly on a Friday morning as scheduled by the LFA President. If scheduling conflicts arise, the LFA President may reschedule meetings at their discretion.

   The first portion of the meeting shall be devoted to:

   a. information sharing concerning faculty senate, university committees, and University Libraries administration;
   b. programming, such as discussions of current topics in librarianship, brief presentations of local library research, conference summaries, or presentations by guests;
   c. discussion of library faculty concerns on library and campus issues. When necessary, the Association will advocate for and publish its position on those issues.

   The second portion of the meeting shall be devoted to promotion and tenure issues. The current P&T Chair will run this portion of the meeting. Examples of topics covered include:

   a. Promotion and tenure changes at the campus level
   b. Discussions about changes needed to the OSUL tenure guidelines
3. The seminar series will provide a forum for presentations of research. The Seminar Series Coordinator will schedule seminars bi-monthly, from September to June. Seminars will be held on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30. All members of the campus community shall be invited to attend the series. Less formal research presentations may be scheduled internally as the need and opportunity arise.

4. The Research and Writing Group provides an informal setting for critiquing papers and presentations, and provides advice and support for writing and research activities. The group meets one Friday a month, from 10-11:30am.

5. The Association may set up other programs as determined by the membership.

6. Task Forces
   - The LFA President may appoint a task force for a specific purpose to investigate and make recommendations on a specific issue. The LFA President may appoint members to the task force and/or call for volunteers.

Article V. Amendments to the Charter

The Charter will be reviewed at least annually. Amendments may be proposed either in writing or by email to the LFA President by any member of the Association. Proposed amendments may be adopted at any meeting of the Library Faculty Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present. Alternately, the charter may be amended by e-mail ballot by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members responding. Proposed amendment(s) must be distributed to Association members at least three weeks prior to the vote. Within the first week of distribution of an email ballot, any member may request that email voting be delayed pending face to face discussion of said proposal. Discussion of said proposal is to take place at the next scheduled Association meeting.