University Senate
CHARGE

Date:	October 2, 2015
To:	Jess Jacobson Chair, Elections, Representation, & Governance Committee
From:	Willie Brown Chair, University Senate
Subject:	Modify the Membership of the University Library Council to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology
Senate Document #:	15-16-05
Deadline:	February 5, 2016

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Elections, Representation, & Governance (ERG) Committee review the attached proposed revision to the University Library Council structure and evaluate whether a representative of the Division of Information Technology should be added to the membership of the council.

Specifically, we ask that you:

1. Consult with the proposer.

2. Consult with a representative of the Division of Information Technology.

3. Consult with the University Library Council.

4. If appropriate, recommend changes to the Senate Bylaws.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than February 5, 2016. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.

Attachment

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PROPOSAL FORM

Name:	Elizabeth Beise
Date:	April 24, 2015
Title of Proposal:	Modify the membership of the University Library Council to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology
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Constituency (faculty, staff, undergraduate, graduate):	Faculty
Description of issue/concern/policy in question:	The role of technology in academics and research, in courses, in services to students, staff, and faculty, has become ubiquitous. IT resources are an integral part of almost every aspect of delivery of quality instruction and support of strong research programs and have become a core component of resources provided by the Libraries. Advice on the services, infrastructure, and opportunities provided by the Libraries is a core mission of the University Library Council. Currently, there is no standing representative of the Division of Information Technology on the Library Council. It would be beneficial to have someone at the table who can address issues of technical feasibility, integration of services, or other implementation issues as part of the Library Council's mandate to provide sound advice on policy issues to the Dean of the Libraries and to the Provost.
Description of action/changes you would like to see implemented and why:	Add a representative of the Division of IT to the membership of the University Library Council.
Suggestions for how your proposal could be put into practice:	The representative of the Division of IT would be ex-officio, as are the representatives of the Provost's office and of the Dean of the Libraries, and the Chair-elect of the Senate. The IT representative would be appointed by the Chief Information Officer.