

Report on the activities of the Committee on the Library, April 2013

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In addition to the above elected members of the Committee, the library has its own representatives in our meetings - Arthur Downing, Louise Klusek, and Stephen Francoeur. Together we identified a goal for the committee's work, and we collaborate on achieving it.

Our major goal is to help the library improve its communication with Baruch College Faculty. This is intended to solve the current situation, in which the library offers many services to faculty but faculty are not always aware of them. Our second, but related goal, is to improve the communication between the faculty and the library, such that the library has an advanced idea of the needs of faculty. This will enable the library's five-year strategic plan.

Potential solutions we have discussed are a better involvement of library liaisons with their respective departments, a better usage of the library's web site in highlighting the services the library gives faculty, and the usage of targeted e-mails from the library to various departments.

We have surveyed some options of improving the library's web page, and will continue to do so, as well as working on the other possible solutions. For example, the liaisons can serve as a conduit of information from the library to faculty, and vice versa. It might be a good idea to invite them to faculty meetings.

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