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Report on the activities of the Committee on the Library, April 2014

Committee members: Michael Carew, Yochi Cohen-Charash, David Falk, Wayne Finke, Parul Jain, Lin Peng

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. Whereas in the first year of the current committee's term we identified a goal for the committee's work, this year some of the recommendations toward achieving this goal were implemented. The goal was to improve the way the library communicates its services to the faculty of the College.

As a way to achieving this goal, this year the committee dedicated its focus on helping refine the library's faculty-dedicated web page. The goal of the new web site is to enhance faculty usage of the library's services. Stephen Francoeur approached the committee with various suggestions for the new web page, and asked to track how faculty members actually use the site so as to improve his understanding of faculty needs. The new web site was launched at the beginning of the spring semester (<http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/library/faculty/>). Mr. Francoeur currently tracks the usage of the web site to examine its effectiveness.

The committee also met with Ms. Nora Almeida, the Reserves Coordinator of the library, to test and refine a survey she had planned to distribute to the faculty about the reserve services the library is offering. This is an additional step in improving the communication between the library and the faculty, making faculty aware of the various services the library offers.

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