**Annual Report to the Faculty Senate – Library Committee**

To: Faculty Senate

From: Willette Stinson, Ph.D. (on behalf of the Library Committee) Date: February 7, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

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**Meetings**

1 – August 14, 2013, 9 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Present: Mary Horn (Chair), Gerald Hankins, Padma Nimmakayala, Kent Shaw, Alan Tilquist

2- December 5, 2013, 12:30 to 1:10 p.m.

Present: Willette Stinson (Chair), Mary Horn (former Chair), Sundar Naga, Kent Shaw, Jenn Zuccaro

**Actions Taken by the Committee**

In August the committee discussed upcoming elections to replace committee members whose terms were ending. Also the committee participated in the library director search process. During the on-campus interviewing stage, candidate Willette Stinson, Ph.D. interviewed and the Library Committee had a part in the evaluation of Dr. Stinson.

On December 5, 2013, the committee discussed and elected Willette Stinson, Ph.D. to the position of chair and Sundar Naga, Ph.D. to the position of co-chair. Dr. Stinson is leading this committee in a strategic planning effort for The Drain-Jordan Library to join a Consortium for resource-sharing and leveraging our collective buying power for e-resources.

On December 12, 2013, application for WVSU membership was submitted to The Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc.—better known as PALCI—formed in 1996 as a grassroots federation of 35 academic libraries in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Today, the PALCI membership consists of nearly 70 academic and research libraries, private and public, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, and New York. Member institutions range from small liberal arts colleges to publicly funded universities to ARL institutions to the State Library of Pennsylvania. Libraries in PALCI have holdings in excess of 36 million volumes and a combined FTE of more than 500,000 students.

On January 31, 2013, Cathy Wilt, CEO of PALCI, visited WVSU and delivered a presentation for our deans, faculty and library staff to learn about particular services offered to PALCI member institutions. Two major services mentioned by the CEO as part of this membership included the following:

* E-ZBorrow Service, which has been the keystone service of the PALCI Consortium for 15 years.  It is an expedited interlibrary loan service that allows students, faculty, and staff at the participating institutions to discover and borrow books and other library materials from 50 college and university member libraries in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and West Virginia.  A well-known, highly-regarded service, E-ZBorrow sends requests to lending libraries automatically without involving library staff.  The materials are then delivered to the home library of the requestor in 3-5 business days through the Interlibrary Delivery Service of Pennsylvania.  Academic libraries of all sizes count on E-ZBorrow to give its users easy-to-use access to PALCI members’ unique collections.
* Rapid Access Processing & Information Delivery (RAPID-ILL) is an innovative, fast, and very cost-effective resource sharing system managed by the Colorado State University Libraries' Interlibrary Loan Department. PALCI Members have an active group (pod) using the system to deliver journal articles to the requestor's desktop usually within a few hours.

**Recommendations of the Committee**

The committee recommends that our actions are attempts to be realistic and reflect the challenging economic times while at the same time being aspirational, and indicate directions that we think would be most beneficial for research and student learning and for our institution’s growing academic and research programs. Our priority will be to help our institution respond to the current confronting budget challenges, should conditions change or opportunities arise still we are identifying best practices and promising opportunities for WVSU’s library enhancements to occur within our emerging information and technology environment.

**Unfinished tasks**

Once the Library Committee chair and co-chair receive the PowerPoint slides to Cathy Wilt’s presentation, they will share this information with the entire Faculty-Senate. Our next meeting will be scheduled within a month. The full agenda is yet to be determined.