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Faculty Senate,
NDSU
1340 Administration Ave, Fargo, ND 58105

Dear Senate Executive Committee,

The Senate Joint Standing Committee on Library (APRC) has been investigating Library practice and policy as per its designation in the Senate bylaws. I have served the committee since fall 2017 and have served as chair of the committee since the fall of 2019. I will finish my second 2-year cycle with the committee in the spring of 2021. Over this time, the senate has never formally asked for a report, nor did the committee feel any issues warranted Senate deliberation. Having more deeply read the Senate bylaws, I recently noticed that Article III section 3 mandates an annual report. This is an error on my part, and I will be more diligent in preparing this report in the future.

In the near future, we will send a document outlining our recent and ongoing investigation of faculty perceptions on the use of Open Educational Resources. We have surveyed the faculty, investigated some of the issues ourselves, and hope to summarize the work for the Senate. We hope this is an issue that the faculty senate can take charge of, in order to increase faculty adoption of Open Educational Resources.

We have also, to a far smaller extent, debated the Open Access Publication model for research dissemination. We have identified some issues, and again hope the senate can take charge of the issue and push efforts to increase faculty participation.

I would, of course, be happy to discuss these matters in person if need be.

Sincerely,



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