



senate library committee events

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Dear Senate Library Committee Members

We just had an extensive discussion of library issues at a meeting of the Senate Coordinating Council this afternoon. Two major action items that the new Senate President, Prof. Fred Walter, took on were to get information from the administration as to (i) the response to the letter of concern written to the Provost by the heads of several departments regarding the memo that the interim Dean and Director of the Library, Andrew White, sent around pertaining to cutting journals and (ii) whether there is an ongoing search process for a permanent Dean and Director of the Library and, if so, what the status of this is. As you know, these were two of the main items that we discussed at our October meeting.

Shortly after the conclusion of our Senate Coordinating Council meeting this afternoon, we have also received an email from Andrew White asking us and others, including library staff members, to meet informally with him on Friday Nov. 12 at 4 pm at the University Cafe for discussions.

In view of these developments, I think that we should cancel the meeting of our committee that we would normally have this Thursday, Nov. 11. For those of you who are not able to attend the Friday meeting with Andrew White, I will inform you by email what I learn from him at this meeting. I will also update you as soon as I learn something from Fred Walter about items (i) and (ii).

Best,

Bob