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### **Project Report - Committee Structure**

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#### INTRODUCTION

My theme as Chair (2008-09) will be the development of an effective committee structure for the Assembly that fits into the Libraries committee structure, and to do so in a way that promotes the Assembly's role in shared governance. I will be working on this in a preliminary way while Chair-Elect (2007-08) in order to proceed with these efforts more successfully next year. Anyone with an interest in these areas is encouraged to share your comments. I will coordinate a discussion group in order to review these matters and to determine how to proceed with them. The three areas of particular interest are considered below.

#### COMMITTEES

This effort will concentrate on coordinating committees established by the Assembly with those established by the Libraries. The emphasis of Assembly committees should be the faculty's responsibilities within shared governance. Our existing four standing committees reflect this commitment and our special committees should do so as well. Library committees should deal with administrative matters.

#### APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION & TENURE COMMITTEE

This is an Assembly committee that needs to be integrated with the current Library T&P committee since these matters are now a faculty responsibility (as per the Faculty Senate as stated in the *Report of the Faculty Senate - Presidential Task Force on the Implementation of Shared Governance Structure*). Transformation of the T&P committee into the AP&T committee will need to be a committee activity priority. The actual transformation should not be difficult as the changes would be minimal (change the name, keep the people); however, the additional duties, responsibilities and expectations may be of concern.

#### SHARED GOVERNANCE & CONSTITUTION

Sorting out the committee structure will be tied to the shared governance concept. Clarifying and understanding this concept and how it works will be an important effort and the committee structure is part of this process. Developing a Constitution for the Libraries, as an academic unit, will formalize the shared governance concept. While this is yet another bit of paperwork, the process of developing the Constitution will help all involved to understand the workings of shared governance and will be helpful in sorting out administrative and faculty responsibilities, including the committees that undertake these responsibilities.