


West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Resolution: AR-2024-01-01
**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SGA LIBRARY
TASKFORCE**

Short Title:	Establish SGA Library Taskforce
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Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University mission statement reads, “As a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating

a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education;”¹ and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) vision statement reads, "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by...developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders;”² and,

Whereas, the Student Government Association is a student advocacy group; and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Libraries’ 2021-2024 Strategic Roadmap, Goal 3, states “ [to] be a unified university library that is collaborative, integrative, and effective;”³ and,

Whereas, on September 19, 2023, upon the transformation of Student Support Services, the West Virginia University Libraries were recommended to reduce their budget to \$800,000 through personnel restructuring;⁴ and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Libraries are facing a collections reductions of about \$400,000 impacting the access to library resources and databases across the system; and,

Whereas, on November 1, 2023, when the Faculty Senate Library Committee met to discuss the budget cuts and transformation process, they expressed their concern with how the transformation process and results will be communicated to students; ⁵and,

Whereas, the Student Government Association is committed to supporting the West Virginia University Libraries and student’s access to library resources during the implementation of the budget reduction; and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Libraries’ Dean and Staff met with members of SGA to express concern on the lack of access to student input during the transformation process; and,

¹ [Mission - West Virginia University](#)

² [Mission and Vision | Student Government Association | West Virginia University](#)

³ [Goal 3 | Libraries | West Virginia University](#)

⁴ [September 19, 2023 Dear Dean Diaz. The West Virginia University’s Office of the Provost has performed a review of the Libraries](#)

⁵ [Faculty Senate Library Committee Meeting 11/1 Notes](#)

Whereas, West Virginia University Libraries has not had an opportunity to connect with students in a regular advisory setting since Fall 2022; ⁶and,

Whereas, the establishment of a Student Government Association operated library taskforce will help bridge the gap between the lack of access to student input and the West Virginia University library system; and,

Whereas, the SGA library taskforce will consist of a diverse background of SGA senators, executives, apprentices, and can be expanded to non-SGA members who apply for the position; and,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: SGA supports the establishment of a library taskforce between WVU Libraries and Student Government Association; and,

Section 2: SGA will work with the WVU Libraries and Dean Diaz in creating a regular meeting schedule, agenda, future endeavors for the taskforce; and,

Section 3: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)

Karen Diaz, Dean of Libraries

Jessica Vanderhoff, Assistant Dean of Strategy, Planning & Impact

Martha Yancey, Director, Evansdale Library

Anna Crawford, Director, Health Sciences Library

Madison Santmyer, Student Body President

Brogan Dozier, Student Body Vice President

Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary

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⁶ [Libraries Student Advisory Group Application!](#)
