Proposal to Remove the Archives Committee from *Faculty Policies and Procedures, 6.24*

The Archives was an independent department for many years and it made sense to establish its own committee. However, since the Archives was put under the umbrella of the General Library System, having separate shared governance committees for the archives and the libraries has not been efficient in addressing common operations.

The recent arrival of the new leaders in the General Library System and in University Archives presented a perfect opportunity for the committee to reexamine the existing structure, which has not been touched for quite some time. After examining pros and cons of different options, the committee arrived at the conclusion that it is best to retire the Archives committee and move its advisory functions to be merged into those of the Universities Library Committee (ULC). The proposed committee structure will parallel to that of the administrative structure. The ULC also has a better shared governance structure that includes academic staff, university staff, and students.

The ULC is one of the longest-standing committees in the university, and as the shared governance body charged with advising on the overall information services mission of UW-Madison, the ULC is the appropriate place for these functions. The membership and functions of the ULC will be adapted accordingly.

The Archives Committee met virtually on April 27, 2020 and approved this plan.

*With mark-up*

*Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.24. ARCHIVES COMMITTEE*

A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Archives Committee consists of the following members:
   1. Three faculty members appointed for three-year terms.
   2. One academic staff member.
   3. Chair of the University Libraries Committee.
   4. Vice Provost for Libraries
   5. Director of the State Historical Society.
   6. University archivist, ex officio nonvoting.
   7. Secretary of the faculty, ex officio nonvoting.
   8. Provost, ex officio nonvoting.
   9. Secretary of the academic staff, ex officio nonvoting

B. **FUNCTIONS.** Determines the policies governing the control and use of the university archives.