Library Council

The Library Council is the advisory body for documentary information (books, journals and electronic information) in the University of Antwerp (UA). The Library Council makes suggestions to the university authorities about the general policy of the library. The Council likewise functions as a users' committee and oversees the proper functioning of the library.

Tasks
The Library Council:
- provides the UA with policy advice on the library and on large projects for cooperation with other organisations;
- advises the UA-administration and the university librarian on the organisation of the libraries of the UA;
- advises on the size of the library budget and the appropriation of the financial resources;
- advises on the service charges, taking into account the national and Flemish agreements between the university libraries;
- decides about the regulations of the UA- libraries;
- oversees the budget application and the functioning of the library services;
- determines the form of the annual report and watches over its contents;
- determines the framework and frequency of the evaluation of the UA libraries.

Organisation
The Library Council is composed by:
- one representative per faculty, member of the Faculty Library Commission (preferably the chairperson), designated by the authorised body of the faculty;
- three students: one from the humanities, one from the pure sciences and one from the biomedical sciences, designated by the Student Council.
- the university librarian and three representatives of the library, one per campus.

President
The meetings of the Library Council are chaired by a member of the university board. This is to insure the cohesion between the council, which has advisory power, and the overall administration of the university.

Secretariat
The library assumes the administration of the Library Council.

Meeting frequency
The Library council meets two to three times per year.

Decision by the Board of the University dd 16.12.2004 (point 3.2.2. of the minutes).