

## **FL Academic Information Committee (AIC)**

The FL Academic Information Committee is responsible for maintaining the law collection. This means that it ensures that relevant and up to date materials are included for faculty staff and students to be used in research and education. The Committee makes its own decisions on operational issues concerning collection management based on the collection development policy, which is guided by the education and research themes of the faculty.

In addition to managing the collection for educational and research purposes at strategic and operational levels, the Committee will advise the Faculty Board on strategic and policy matters related to Open Science, with a particular focus on opportunities for open access publishing and the use of open educational resources in education. This advice will be provided both at the Board's request and on the Committee's own initiative.

The AIC also plays an explicit advisory role to the Faculty Board regarding the financial framework for the proposed activities. Each year, the AIC advises the Faculty Board on the budget for materials and other support in the coming year. This ensures that the use of resources and services meets the educational and research needs of the faculty and aligns with the broader strategic goals of Open Science.

Since the AIC is responsible for the expenditure of the financial resources, it evaluates the outcomes of the previous year and advises the Faculty Board on the efficiency and effectiveness of resource allocation and activity implementation. This feedback is an important tool for transparency and quality assurance, providing the Board with a solid basis for future decision-making.

The AIC also builds a knowledge base about developments in the legal field relevant to Open Science, in particular regarding publisher policies. In this way, it fulfils its advisory role towards the Faculty Board and, at the same time, it informs and advises staff by providing information and answering specific questions.

The Committee is furthermore a representative for the interests and needs of the faculty community with regard to academic information services. In doing so, it acts as a sounding board for the University Library, helping it to improve its services for faculty staff and students. The Committee therefore plays a key role in facilitating communication between the Library and faculty staff and students.

## **Composition of the AIC**

In order to fulfil the strategic and operational role of collection management for education and research, representatives from the fields of education and research are represented on the Committee. In addition, it includes colleagues with experience of Open Science materials and who think critically on how the faculty should approach this in terms of license packages, agreements with publishers and developing a publishing policy for the faculty. The University Library is also represented.

The current members of the AIC are:

- Anke Moerland (Chair)
- Joost Sillen
- Kasper Dziurdz

- Roland Moerland
- Mieke Olaerts
- Konrad Kollnig
- Patrick van Eijs (advisory role)
- Candan Yilmaz (advisory role)
- Jacqueline Klinkeberg (secretary)

### **Input from departments**

Input from the departments is gathered through liaisons in each department. At the AIC's or their own request, they provide input on the need to expand or modify the collection for research and educational purposes. The Committee will take this input into account when making operational decisions regarding the collection and providing advices to the Faculty Board on strategic matters.

The current liaisons are:

- Arthur Willemse (Grondslagen van het Recht)
- Rick Schumans (Europees Recht)
- Christina Dimitropoulou (Belastingrecht)
- Maarten Stremmer (Publiekrecht)
- Skander Galand (Internationaal Recht)
- Menno Dolman (Strafrecht en Criminologie)
- Marta Kolacz (Privaatrecht)

### **Tasks and responsibilities of (the members of) the Academic Information Committee (AIC)**

Responsibilities of the Academic Information Committee

- The AIC is responsible for the composition of the law collection. The law collection is kept up-to-date for use by students, researchers and teachers and aligns with the faculty's education and research themes. The collection is compiled in dialogue with the academic community, represented by the liaisons in each department. Where strategic matters of collection building are concerned, it provides advice to the Faculty Board in order to make strategic decisions.
- The AIC is responsible for providing the Faculty Board with appropriate advice on strategic and policy matters related to Open Science, with a particular focus on Open Access (OA) and Open Educational Resources (OER).
- Each year, the Committee proposes the budget for media and other services to the Faculty Board. The Committee is responsible for the expenditure of these funds and reports on it to the Faculty Board.
- Members of the AIC are influential advocates for the library and the faculty community. Responsibilities include serving as an advocate for the research- and education library collection and facilities within the community, and serving as representative for the interests and needs of the community regarding the services provided by the library.

#### Tasks of (the members of) the Academic Information Committee

- The AIC advises the FB on the quality and size of the education and research collections and other support the University Library (UL) provides.
- The members of the AIC keep themselves informed about relevant developments in the field of Open Science and advise and assist members of the faculty community in using open educational resources for teaching purposes and in open access publishing.
- The AIC prepares and submits to the FB a budget request for the collection and other library services based on present and anticipated needs.
- The AIC oversees the spending of financial resources intended for media in relation to open access resources and available OA agreements with publishers, and reports on this to the Faculty Board.
- The AIC serves as a sounding board for the UL in order to improve the services the UL provides.
- The AIC provides a channel of communication between the Library and the faculty, staff, and students.
- The AIC takes the necessary actions to optimize the use of the law collection.

#### Responsibilities of the University Library (UL) regarding the law collection

- The UL is responsible for adequate support concerning content in the composition of the collection and the collection process.
- The UL is responsible for purchasing the media in accordance with the agreements made with the AIC.
- The UL is responsible for purchasing, managing and maintaining the legal collection.
- The UL is responsible for making the collection available to the faculty community.
- The UL is responsible for supporting the use of the law collection

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