

George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP BOARD

The mission of the Library Leadership Board of the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida is to bring attention to the contributions of the Libraries to UF's standing as a preeminent public research university and to inspire gifts of monies, books, and desirable collections of material not otherwise obtainable. The Library Leadership Board aligns with these objectives by creating awareness of the Libraries' vision and goals and generating philanthropic support. In addition to philanthropic leadership, the Board advises the dean and Libraries administration and helps to engage stakeholders around our strategic directions:

- providing expert information services,
- acquiring and stewarding collections,
- providing flexible and integrated space for library users,
- fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion,
- engaging in cross campus collaborations, and
- promoting the health and welfare of the Libraries' community.

Members of the board, selected by the dean with input from current board members, include alumni, parents and friends who have a passion for the Libraries and its mission and goals.

Board Member Roles and Responsibilities:

- Learn about the Libraries' vision, mission and goals in order to serve as an ambassador for the Smathers Libraries.
- Identify and help cultivate individuals, corporations, and foundations able to help advance the Libraries' vision, mission and goals.
- Introduce the dean, faculty, and development officers to friends and associates.
- Attend prospect meetings in the areas where their presence would be most helpful.
- Host events for the Libraries in support of specific programs or collections.
- Inspire prospects by actively giving to the Libraries and encouraging others to follow their example.

Term Limits:

Three (3) years with eligibility for a second term. After serving two terms, members may become a Board Member Emeritus, maintaining their engagement with the board but not as a voting member. Student members will serve a one (1) year term, with the option to serve a second one (1) year term.

Meeting Times:

Two (2) times per year, in the fall and spring, to coincide with the UF Homecoming weekend and the Orange & Blue game.

Giving Expectation:

Members of the board will make the Libraries a philanthropic priority, making annual leadership contributions of at least \$2,500 in support of the Libraries' funding priorities and, in addition, will consider a major gift to the Libraries during the Go Greater campaign.