Forum Set to Discuss Library of the Future

A Thursday, March 20, open forum provides faculty and staff members an opportunity to learn more about the Library of the Future initiative for the Pollak Library.

The hourlong open forum begins at 9:30 a.m. in Room 130 of the Pollak Library.

As part of the initiative, Pfeiffer Partners Architects will be working with the University's LOFT Steering Committee, conducting focus groups, touring the facilities and talking with the campus community to create a "snapshot" of the library's current space use and conditions to understand the services currently being offered.

Angela Della Volpe, interim deputy provost, and Amir Dabirian, vice president for informational technology, co-chair of the campus committee. They also serve on a task force for the CSU LA Basin Project for Developing Cost-Effective Library Services and Resources for Student and Faculty Success in the 21st Century.

"While the temptation will be to focus on today's needs — space deficiencies, maintenance issues, etc. — the charge is to collectively look 10 or more years into the future and describe the Pollak Library that will serve the next generation of students, researchers, faculty members and the public-at-large," Provost José L. Cruz wrote in a recent email sent to campus faculty and staff.

The session is open to campus faculty and staff (a student open forum will be scheduled later in the year); seating is limited to the first 75 participants.

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