Purpose of the Welch Medical Library Advisory Committee

Established by the Deans of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the President of the Johns Hopkins Health System, the Welch Medical Library Advisory Committee (WLAC) is the institutional body that provides oversight for the overall design, management, and evaluation of medical library services and facilities. The Welch Medical Library supports the academic and patient care activities of the faculty, students and staff and alumni of Johns Hopkins Medicine, School of Nursing, and Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The WLAC examines a wide range of issues including, but not limited to, these aspects of the medical library:

- Strategies for maintaining the Welch library as an information resource of national prominence
- Planning for purchase of and access to comprehensive collections that support the patient care and research needs of Johns Hopkins Medicine;
- Understanding the library services needs of the entire Johns Hopkins user community and strategies to meet them;
- Optimal use of Welch Library building to support learning;
- Engagement of and communication with the JHM community
- Fiscal stewardship

The WLAC will also consider other issues related to medical library services and physical plant.