Senate Committee on Libraries

Minutes

Monday 20 April 2015
10:30am – 12:00pm
McLennan Conference Room, M1.07

Present:
Lawrence Angel (Undergraduate student rep)
Kenneth Boris (Arts, English)
Bruna Ceccolini (Assistant to the Dean)
C. Colleen Cook (Trenholme Dean of Libraries)
Ronald Gehr (Engineering)
Elizabeth Gibson (HSSL)
Ram Jakhu (Law)
Gillian Lane-Mercier (Arts)
Ghyslaine McClure (Chair)
David Ronis (Chemistry)
Ilya Sabino-Ifill (Assistant to the Associate Provost Budget and Resources)
Anais Salamon (Islamic Studies Library)

Regrets:
Andrea Bernasconi (Life Sciences)
Robyn Biggar (Graduate student rep)
Martin Chénier (Macdonald Campus)
Christopher Lyons (Osler Library)
Robert Murgita (Medicine)
Erin Sobat (SSMU Library Improvement Fund Coordinator)
Jiawen Zhou (Mac Campus Student rep)

1. Introduction from Chair, Associate Provost (Budget & Resources) Ghyslaine McClure

2. Approval of Agenda

   Unanimous approval

3. Approval of Minutes of 13 March 2015 meeting

   Approved with a minor modification to the attendance list, Lawrence Angel (Undergraduate student rep) was present at the meeting on the 13th of March.
4. Business arising from meeting of 13 March 2015 meeting
   
a. Update on activities related to Open Access and Data repository projects
b. Update on Feasibility Study (to be part of Dean’s Report)

5. Dean of Libraries Report, presented by C. Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries

   Budget:
   - There has been a concerted effort to manage money differently in terms of resources allocated to Libraries staff and collections. The provost has been very supportive of Libraries needs and emphasized the importance of preserving the quality and continuity of McGill unique collections. Despite the challenges of journals inflation and currency conversion between the Canadian and US dollar, Libraries is able to maintain the buying power of its collections budget.

   Space/Storage:
   - During exam periods at the end of each semester library spaces are particularly crowded, which emphasizes the need for renovation of student space.
   - Any proposed solution must stand the test of time and last for at least the next 50 years, so materials selected for any upcoming renovations will need to be sustainable and durable. The Proposal for the new Library project that will come out of the feasibility study (results to be presented to the community in fall 2015) include considerations such as seating capacity for students and washrooms per floor. Architects are proposing two storage options:
     1. Onsite, high density, robotic storage system
     2. Offsite storage at Macdonald campus (Factors to consider: one day delivery, staffing costs and delivery costs)
   - Libraries has performed its due diligence and looked to peers for solutions and innovation:
     o Project could include a phased fundraising option because a staged construction would be the preferred option as McGill would need to keep services available during the construction/renovation works.
   - Libraries unveiled a sneak peak of the proposed architectural design for the building which is both attractive and practical.
   - At present, there is no set project schedule. The financial plan will directly impact any intended timeline.

6. Community Feedback on Libraries

   - The aim is to move toward an archiving system for electronic documents that complies with federal, provincial, granting agencies as well as internal policies.
   - Repository for non tri-council data: There is a difference between pre-publication and publication and this directly affects what can be archived in a repository. McGill should press for copyright

7. Other Business/Discussion
- **Action Item (for follow-up in Fall Agenda):**
  - Update from Arts focus group. This ad-hoc working group has been meeting monthly since February with a mandate to present its recommendations on communications to Libraries by June 2015.
  - Update on issue with search tool, world CAT
- Restricted access during exam period has been resolved.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM. The next meeting is to be scheduled in the Fall 2015.