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# Senate Committee on Libraries

## *Minutes*

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Friday 13 March 2015  
2:00-3:30 pm  
McLennan Conference Room, M1.07

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**Present:**

Lawrence Angel (Undergraduate student rep)  
C. Colleen Cook (Trenholme Dean of Libraries)  
Bruna Ceccolini (Assistant to the Dean)  
Elizabeth Gibson (HSSL)  
Ghyslaine McClure (Chair)  
Robert Murgita (Medicine)  
David Ronis (Chemistry)  
Anaïs Salamon (Islamic Studies Library)  
Erin Sobat (SSMU Library Improvement Fund  
Coordinator)  
Jenn Riley (Guest – Associate Dean, Libraries – Digital  
Initiatives))

**Regrets:**

Andrea Bernasconi (Life Sciences)  
Robyn Biggar (Graduate student rep)  
Kenneth Boris (Arts, English)  
Martin Chénier (Macdonald Campus)  
Ronald Gehr (Engineering)  
Ram Jakhu (Law)  
Gillian Lane-Mercier (Arts)  
Christopher Lyons (Osler Library)  
Jiawen Zhou (Mac Campus Student rep)

1. Introduction from Chair, Associate Provost (Budget & Resources) Ghyslaine McClure  
Several absences noted. Difficulties in scheduling meeting. Friday afternoon not ideal for participation.
2. Approval of Agenda  
Unanimous approval
3. Approval of Minutes of 3 December 2014 meeting  
Approved without modification
4. Business arising from meeting of 3 December 2014 meeting
  - a. Update on Library Feasibility Project (covered in Dean's report below)
  - b. Follow-up on Action Items: Redpath doors. Appropriate signage is now in place.

5. Dean of Libraries Report, presented by C. Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries
  - a. Faculty symposium on the future of academic research libraries to be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2015. Details including webcast can be found here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/library/channels/event/faculty-symposium-future-academic-research-libraries-241303>. This event was part of the feasibility study on the future of libraries and archives at McGill.
  - b. Feasibility study: over 50% completed; delayed 3-4 weeks compared to initial timeline. Consultant architects will be on site two more times. Various options will be presented at the next meeting of the steering committee and to the communication group meeting no. 3 on 14 April 2015. The proposals will include renovation of existing stacking and common usage space, and options of high density storage for collections. Options were prepared in close connection with Arts group. Study is considering life cycle costs of different types of high density /robotic retrieval storage, assuming turnaround time of 24 hours, which is the norm in Libraries in North America with such services.
  - c. Concerns from students about moving book collections such as in Islamic Studies, using books not in Roman alphabet and available only in print. The libraries acquire from 30,000 to 40,000 new books per year.
  - d. Budget: the budget allocations (for FY15 and FY16) will suffice to continue to enrich the collection at same pace and cover for fluctuation in Canadian currency vs. US dollar. The Provost is a strong supporter of the Libraries.
6. Community Feedback on Libraries

Issues for Medicine: need to raise money to finance new projects with the support of University Advancement, namely to install new computer servers in Burnside Hall.
7. Other Business/Discussion
  - a. Recent Developments in open access journals by Jenn Riley. See appended .ppt presentation.
    - Information presented to committee in exclusivity - will be disseminated to all soon according to Communication plan. Here are some additional links to content mentioned during presentation:
    - McGill Library open access web pages <http://www.mcgill.ca/library/services/open-access>
    - Brochure on negotiating your rights as an author [http://www.carl-abrc.ca/uploads/SCC/Addendum\\_updated-e.pdf](http://www.carl-abrc.ca/uploads/SCC/Addendum_updated-e.pdf)
    - Information sessions planned for Faculties this semester. Better reach with Departmental meetings for large Faculties. Educational exercise that helps in ancillary ways. Define exact meaning of open access.
  - b. Research data management report on recent McGill initiatives by Jenn Riley.
    - Help researchers comply with new Tri-council rules; working with staff of V-P Research and International Relations.
    - Schulich Advisory committee is very interested.
    - Asking for a campus wide policy to cover research funded by non tri-agency councils.

- c. Dean Cook congratulates Jenn and her library staff for excellent work on these two dossiers. Also suggests that University Communications and External Relations write an article in the Reporter about Open Access. Jenn will contact them.
- d. Discussion: Policies in place are still valid. Data repository requirements: Nothing new for NSERC-funded research. CIHR requires it only in certain disciplines. Nothing mandatory at the moment for SSHRC – only ensure that research documentation can be made available within two years. Big cultural shift. US policies are now announced so if McGill researchers are co-PIs on research funded by US agencies such as NSF, NIH, etc. they must comply.
- e. Library works with RIR/OSR to establish best practices to support researchers in data management. Early planning stages for research depository.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next meeting is to be scheduled in late April.

Appendix. Presentation by Jenn Riley in pdf notes.