

Meeting minutes for the Senate Committee on Libraries

Thursday, October 12, 2017 | 2:30 – 4:00pm | Room M1.07, McLennan Library Building

Attendance:

Ghyslaine McClure, Chair	Véronique Bélanger
Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries	Sue Laver
Malcolm McClintock	Shufeng Zhou
Robert Funnell	Jamiey Kelly
Marie Lemieux	Dawn McKinnon
Gillian Lane-Mercier	Tara Mawhinney
Peter Sabor	Bastien Castagner
Mary Laurenço	Jerry Aldridge

Regrets:

Andrea Bernasconi	Valeryia Ivanova
-------------------	------------------

1. Welcome Back and Tour de Table

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 6 April 2017

Minor revisions were requested to the minutes of 6 April - Tara Mawhinney indicated that section 7.2 of the minutes should be edited to read that they *anticipated noise and disruption* in Schulich Library, as the HVAC work had not yet started in April, as was originally planned. Sue Laver asked for the acronym "BCI" to be spelled out in full, on page 2 of the minutes. BCI stands for *Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire*. A revised version of these minutes will be circulated for the next meeting.

4. Dean's Update

Dean Colleen Cook provided updates on the following topics:

a. Fiat Lux project

- A subcommittee from Principal's International Advisory Board looked at Fiat Lux over the summer and suggested the following changes to the master plan: Build high-density storage pods at Macdonald Campus and implement a 24-hour book retrieval; and increase the amount of seating/study space to accommodate 20% of the student population, rather than the current 16%.
- Fundraising continues.

b. Royal Victoria space

- A multi-phase feasibility study is still underway to plan the conversion of the space to house

interdisciplinary programs in the areas of sustainability systems and public policy. Libraries would be in this space, offering 24-hour service.

c. ROAAr (Rare & Special Collections, Osler, Art and Archives)

-Nathalie Cooke has been seconded from the Faculty of Arts to lead this as Associate Dean, since 1 September 2016.

-With the help of a SSHRC Connections grant, she has been able to develop new programs

-Nathalie oversees collections in the McGill Library, such as the Blacker-Wood collection (the third most comprehensive collection of natural history prints and manuscripts in North America), the Voltaire collection, Sir William Osler's collection, and the 1st or 2nd best Canadiana collection in the world.

d. BCI (Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire) Shared Platform

-The BCI is working with Libraries to create an integrated library catalogue system with other universities across the city and province.

-The Quebec government has granted \$2M in order to create this shared platform, which would be an upgrade to WorldCat and Aleph.

-Dean Cook will have more updates on this program as it progresses.

5. Community Feedback on Libraries

- a. Shufeng Zhou asked Dean Cook what the Libraries' long-term plans are for the purchase of print material. Dean Cook answered that at this point, e-books are preferred, unless there is no print available or a print copy is requested.
- b. Malcolm McClintock of SSMU reported that this year's committee for the SSMU Library Improvement Fund has been formed and is now accepting funding proposals for projects. He extended this invitation to members of the Senate Committee on Libraries, and asked that they in turn pass this on to their respective Library committees. They have a fund of \$700K.
- c. Bastien Castagner noted that there is a large unused section in the Osler Library. He inquired about its potential as a student study/work group space, but Dean Cook informed him that the space was under the purview of the Faculty of Medicine, not the Library.
- d. Shufeng Zhou commented that the food service areas (particularly in McLennan) could be improved. She mentioned specifically the inadequate number of microwaves in the dining area. Ghyslaine McClure will put Shufeng in touch with the appropriate person in the Student Life & Learning office, which oversees all Food and Dining Services on campus. Malcolm McClintock noted that the dining area where the microwaves are situated, is under the student associations' jurisdiction, and offered to contact PGSS to work together on obtaining more microwaves.

- e. Jamiey Kelly of MACES asked for clarification on the allowances for course reserve materials in HSSL. Many Continuing Education students had complained that often these materials are not available or missing when they need to access them. It was also noted that many e-books cannot be downloaded in their entirety, or printed. Dawn McKinnon offered to contact Jaimey separately to discuss this issue further.
- f. Dawn McKinnon of HSSL reported that McGill will be hosting Open Access Week International <http://libraryguides.mcgill.ca/openaccess> week from October 23-29 2017. Many events are scheduled to take place, most notably a talk by Canada Research Chair Vincent Larivière on Open Access <http://www.mcgill.ca/library/channels/event/talk-scholarly-communication-open-access-what-researchers-should-know-vincent-lariviere-canada-270815>. A Library Services Fair for faculty is to be held on Thursday, October 19th in the Research Commons at the McLennan Library, allowing academic staff to learn more about the services offered by McGill Libraries.
- g. Tara Mawhinney of Schulich Library noted that Science Literacy Week, which happened from September 18-24 this year, was a success. Schulich Library hosted many events, which are all detailed here: <https://www.mcgill.ca/library/channels/event/science-literacy-week-mcgill-2017-270283>. The proposed HVAC project that was scheduled for summer 2017 has been postponed indefinitely.

6. Other Business/Discussion

- a. Professor Funnell asked why the Annual Report for the Senate Committee on Libraries has not been read aloud in Senate for the past few years. Ghyslaine McClure answered that Annual Reports for all Senate Committees are now only delivered before the Senate meeting as part of the information package to senators. Time is dedicated to any questions that may arise out of the report, and Dean Cook and/or Chair Ghyslaine McClure are in attendance to provide information.
- b. Dean Cook invited the committee members to check out the exhibit in the HSSL lobby on Expo '67. There are artifacts on display, as well as an interactive digital display that shows many aspects of the planning and construction of the Expo site.
- c. The Visual Arts Collection group collaborated with the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts to contribute and curate art pieces along the Ballade pour la paix, an open-air museum that runs from June 5–October 29, 2017 along Sherbrooke Street. Several sculptures and art pieces are on display on McGill campus.
- d. Dean Cook brought an article to add to the press clippings <http://publications.mcgill.ca/reporter/2017/10/mcgill-tops-macleans-rankings-for-13th-straight-year/> (to be sent along with these minutes), published in the McGill Reporter on October



12. The article said that Maclean's magazine praised the McGill Libraries, "McGill was first in the nation in library acquisitions, which measures the proportion of the library budget that is allocated to updating the university's collection."

The Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.