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Minutes of the Senate Committee on Libraries held in the Innovation Commons Room (McLennan-Redpath Library Complex) on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** C. Buddle (Chair), F. Altamura, G. Beaudry, C. Della Motta, E. Elbourne, M. Fronda, J. Hafner, E. Jeronimo, B. Kurth, M. Paliouras, R. Provost, M. Richard, D. Rogers, G. Saumier, D. Vaillancourt, C. Guyatt (Acting Secretary)

**REGRETS :** C. Chan, A. Christians, J. Cumming, R. Funnell, M. Hartman, N. Waters

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

### 2. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were approved, with some amendments requested to the Dean's update on the Partenariat des Bibliothèques Universitaires du Québec. Revised minutes will be sent for information once completed.

### 3. Business arising

#### Update on governance of SCL & related committees

Guest Librarian Marc Richard presented on the library advisory committees' (LACs) history of governance and terms of reference. Mr. Richard will continue LAC stakeholder consultations and subsequently write a final report regarding the LACs. The purpose of the report will be for clarity and recommendations regarding faculty representation associated with the LACs as well as the LACs purpose, structure, and authority.

The discussion was centred on the following thematic areas:

- There is a need to ensure that the breadth of diversity across the University is well represented at SCL; currently there may be uneven representation within and between faculties in the LACs.
- The origin of the LACs is varied and generally came before the roles of Liaison Librarians were established at the University.
- Many LACs have a need to update their Terms of Reference and compositions, as they currently have ambiguities that introduce confusion regarding committee structure and purpose.
- Going forward, LACs functions should have an emphasis on communication and advising.

#### Library Strategic Directions

A preliminary version of the Library Strategic Directions document was shared at the last meeting of SCL, and an updated version has since been circulated. The four priorities identified for the library's strategic directions remain the same: support staff, transformation of spaces, re-envisioning services, and engagement with collections. The committee is again invited to comment on the document with suggestions on items to include or remove.

#### **4. Discussion and Updates**

##### **a) Trenholme Dean of Libraries update**

Planning for budget is underway, as is the hiring of a Vice Dean of Libraries. Redpath deconstruction for the Fiat Lux project was approved by the Minister of Culture, and the design and plans for the new library building continue to evolve. The Dean will inquire about an SCL trip to Valleyfield for members to see the McGill University Collections Centre.

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.*