

Report from MAUT Librarians' Section
MAUT Spring General Meeting, April 19, 2017

Goals

Two goals for this year's Librarians' Section (LS) Executive were to investigate mechanisms of support for librarians interested in taking sabbatic leaves and to actively work on improving the mission of Library Council. These were in addition to the ongoing work of the MAUT-LS Executive, which includes monthly meetings to discuss the concerns of our membership, quarterly meetings with the Dean of Libraries and involvement in MAUT and CAUT activities. The current Executive is Jill Boruff (Chair), Sarah Severson (Chair-Elect), Eamon Duffy (Past-Chair, and Naz Torabi (Secretary-Treasurer). We were successful both in goals, as the membership is more engaged in the question of sabbatical leaves, and Library Council discussions have become regularly more lively and relevant.

Membership

As of November 7, there are 51 members of the Librarians' Section, which is 85% of eligible librarians. In an effort to keep our membership informed, the LS Executive continues to send out a brief, informal newsletter with summaries of items of interest from MAUT Council and MAUT-LS Executive meetings. It has been well-received.

Professional Issues Committee

In addition to facilitating the discussion around sabbatical leaves, the Professional Issues Committee re-ran a survey first conducted three years ago on the research culture of librarians at McGill. The results are forthcoming and will help shape future directions of the Professional Issues Committee and the MAUT-LS Executive.

Pay Equity

Since the rank of Assistant Librarian was named in the 2015 Pay Equity report, MAUT-LS Executive has been busy gathering information to answer the questions of our membership. We do not have many answers at the moment, but we will continue to monitor the situation.

Full Librarian

Through our regular conversations, the MAUT-LS Executive and the Dean of Libraries worked together to form a small committee of librarians and the Library's Director of Academic Affairs to look at full librarian regulations at other institutions. The resulting document will inform the Dean as she begins the task of writing the full librarian guidelines for McGill.

The MAUT-LS Executive is honored to represent its members and their interests. We would like to thank our members for their continued support and participation.

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