



Memorandum

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TO: Senate
FROM: Professor Ghyslaine McClure, Associate Provost (Budget and Resources) and
Chair of the Senate Committee on Libraries
SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Libraries
DATE: December 7, 2016
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ACTION REQUIRED: INFORMATION APPROVAL/DECISION

ISSUE The Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Libraries, a Senate standing committee, is presented for information.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Libraries provide that the Committee shall “meet at least twice per semester during the academic year and submit an annual report to Senate.”

The Committee is responsible for recommending broad policies concerning the Library in support of the University’s strategic plans and academic priorities. The Committee receives and advises on planning documents and reports as they relate to the Libraries. The Committee facilitates and advises on liaisons between the University community and the Library.

PRIOR CONSULTATION Committee on Libraries

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS N/A

IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS N/A

MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL N/A

APPENDICES Appendix A: Committee on Libraries Annual Report 2015-16



.SENATE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES MEETING DATES 2015-2016

October 15, 2015

December 3, 2015

March 24, 2016

May 12, 2016

Professor Ghyslaine McClure, Provost Delegate (Chair)

Professor C. Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries

Chairs of the Library Advisory Committees (including Macdonald Campus):

Professor Andrea Bernasconi (Life Sciences)

Professor Martin Chénier (Macdonald Campus)

Professor Gillian Lane-Mercier (Humanities and Social Sciences)

Professor Ram Jakhu (Nahum Gelber Law Library)

Professor Ronald Gehr (Schulich Library)

Three faculty members appointed by Senate on the recommendation of Nominating Committee:

Professor Kenneth Boris (Arts, English) – 2016

Professor David Ronis (Science, Chemistry) – 2016

Professor Robert Murgita (Medicine, Microbiology & Immunology) - 2017

Two librarians appointed by Senate on the recommendation of Nominating Committee:

Ms. Dawn McKinnon (Collection Services, McGill Library) – 2016

Ms. Tara Mawhinney (Schulich) –2016

One administrative and support staff member from the University Libraries appointed by Senate on the recommendation of Nominating Committee:

Ms. Mary Lourenco (Nahum Gelber Law Library) - 2018

Student members:

SSMU: Mr. Evan Vassallo

SSMU: Mr. Lawrence Angel

MCSS: Ms. Ruojun June Liu

SCS: Mr. Belisario Solana

PGSS: Mr. Shawn Retallick

ACTIVITIES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

This document summarizes the activities of McGill University Library for the 2015-16 academic year as discussed at meetings of the Senate Committee on Libraries.

REPORTS were made at each meeting by the Trenholme Dean of Libraries, Prof. C. Colleen Cook, on achievements toward meeting the goals in the libraries' strategic plan.

1. Client Relationships

- An ad hoc focus group was created in Arts to manage the expectations and concerns of researchers in the Humanities following the change to the WorldCat system.
- The Schulich Library now serves the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry, in addition to Science and Engineering. According to the Feasibility Study conducted for the Fiat Lux project (see 3.2), Schulich is the favorite among the library users on the main campus. There has been a loss of internal space due to repairs of the structural walls of the Macdonald Stewart Library Building. See 3.1 for details on repairs.
- According to a LibQual survey this past year, a recurring theme in the negative comments involves physical space – about crowding, cleanliness, and noise level.

2. Collection Management and Open Access

- The collections are preserved due to extra budget allocations to compensate for currency fluctuations and inflation. This is a high priority to the University.
- Dean Cook attended various conferences with major world research and university institutions to examine factors/hurdles to overcome regarding the shift from 'conventional' scholarly publishing to Open Access
- On 30 March 2016, the Academic Leadership Forum (a professional development forum for Chairs, Directors and Deans) covered the topic of **Open Access**. Associate Dean (Digital Initiatives) Jenn Riley and Dr. Eduardo Franco, Chair of Oncology in the Faculty of Medicine, presented on the topic (39 members attended the presentation). The Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications is committed to academic freedom, and the right to publish & maintaining the high standards and quality of research by committing to academic openness and responsible conduct of research. The policy states that all peer-reviewed journal publications arising from tri-agency grant funding must be made freely available. Of 16,920 Open Access Journals, 10,803 (64%) are peer reviewed.

3. Facilities, Resources, Infrastructure Management

3.1 Macdonald Stewart Library Building

- Funding for the restoration/repair of the building was approved, estimated total cost is \$26M.
- The aim is to start work in spring 2017 and finish by the end of 2018.
- All construction work can be done without vacating the building, however some noise/interruptions can be expected.

3.2 Fiat Lux (New lower campus Library project)

- The feasibility study for the new Library project on lower campus was completed last year: it cost about \$375K: the Friends of the Library have contributed \$75K and the rest has come from the University budget.
- The feasibility study report is available at https://www.mcgill.ca/library/files/library/mcgill_library_fiat_lux_en.pdf
- Many questions that people have about the Feasibility Study and the Fiat Lux building project can be found on FAQ section on the Fiat Lux website (<https://www.mcgill.ca/library/about/flat-lux>) which is updated regularly.
- Dean Cook and Facilities Management committee met with KPMG in March 2016. A financial plan has been assembled, which outlines various scenarios for funding the project. This report is available at https://www.mcgill.ca/library/files/library/mcgill_library_master_plan_appendix_eng.pdf There are plans to integrate some Library services in the RVH project, especially for the rare book collections that could be housed in the Heritage portion of the project.
- This coming academic year will be a key stage in the advancement of this project. The main focus is to find a major donor (or a few major donors) in order to secure funds to begin building.

3.3 Operating Budget Cuts in FY17

- A budget cut of \$232K from the personnel/salary budget will occur in FY17 for the second of three anticipated years. The budget cuts based on administrative and support staff salary mass are not exclusive to Libraries; they are campus-wide for all Faculties and administrative units.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- 1. Recommend to Senate, as appropriate, broad policies concerning the Library in support of the University's strategic plans and academic priorities.*
- 2. Review and advise on planning documents and reports as they relate to the Library and advise Senate and others, as appropriate, on library and information service developments which are of academic significance to the University.*
- 3. Review resource allocation policies as they relate to the Library's strategic plan.*
- 4. Facilitate and advise on communication between the University community and the Library.*
- 5. Meet at least twice per semester during the academic year and submit an annual report to Senate.*

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

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The Trenholme Dean of Libraries

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Student Members:

Two undergraduate students
One graduate student
One Continuing Education student

Committee Secretary