

Agenda for the meeting held on:

Thursday, December 14, 2017 | 2:30 – 4:00pm | Room M1.07, McLennan Library Building

Attendance:

Ghyslaine McClure, Chair
Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries
Bastien Castagner
Dawn McKinnon
Peter Sabor
Sue Laver

Valérie Gravel
Tara Mawhinney
Malcolm McClintock
Marie Lemieux
Robert Funnell
Véronique Bélanger

Regrets:

Andrea Bernasconi
Valeryia Ivanova
Jamiey Kelly

Gillian Lane-Mercier
Shufeng Zhou

1. Tour de Table

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 12 October 2017

A correction was requested in Section 5a) "*e-books are preferred, unless there is no print available or a print copy is requested*" changed to read: "*e-books are preferred, unless there is no e-book available or a print copy is requested.*" Minutes were approved otherwise.

a. Business Arising – Annual Report to Senate

Prior to presenting the Annual Report at Senate on December 6, 2017, a clarification was made to the comments regarding fundraising efforts by the Library. Ghyslaine McClure presented the report, for which arose a few technical questions that Dean Cook answered to the questioners' satisfaction.

4. Dean's Update

a. Dean's Corner – Library Town Hall Meeting 21 September

McGill longevity pins were presented to 15 staff members, who were congratulated and thanked by the Dean and the Provost, who was in attendance. Dean Cook took the opportunity to thank the Provost for the ongoing budget support.

b. Update on Fiat Lux and Fundraising

The key stakeholders have recently re-examined the Fiat Lux project and the associated fundraising efforts. A dossier will be assembled to ask the *Gouvernement du Québec* for funding. If funding is obtained from the government, this would come with oversight in all aspects of the building project. University Advancement plans to raise around \$50 million, Friends of the Library will seek to raise another \$35 million. These two groups will meet to discuss strategies and progress on an ongoing basis.

- c. Dean Cook has put forward a request to go ahead with the building of book storage on Macdonald Campus. The hope is to build at least two high-bay 'Harvard model' storage facilities. In the future, the Library also plans to invite other institutions and libraries to store material there as well. Ghyslaine McClure noted that a meeting should be set up in the new year with stakeholders (Dean Cook, the Provost, Dean Geitmann and herself), to discuss next steps

5. Community Feedback on Libraries

- a. Peter Sabor was pleased to report that Nathalie Cooke (Associate Dean, ROAr) had been awarded a SSHRC Connections grant. The grant is in the amount of \$49,066.00 and is titled: "Rare collections at the heart of campus and community." Jenn Riley is the co-applicant.
- b. Valérie Gravel mentioned that going forward, she would like to see close communication between Macdonald campus and the Dean of Libraries, particularly with regards to the anticipated high density storage facilities for the Ste-Anne's campus. She noted several concerns voiced by the Mac community, including sustainability, aesthetics, and increased community involvement in the project. Dean Cook agreed that positive and open communication were key to the success of this project.
- c. Malcolm McClintock and Marie Lemieux, SSMU representatives, brought up the three main pressure points voiced by students recently: "space, temperature, and Timmies."
- i. The SSMU building will be closing temporarily as of February for infrastructure and equipment upgrades, so student space will be an even bigger issue than normal.
 - ii. Students have asked that temperatures in the Library remain steady even outside of peak hours, as it can feel chilly, especially as outside temperatures drop.
 - iii. The seating area outside the former Tim Horton's (now a Première Moisson's location) needs more microwaves. Dean Cook will follow up with the Deputy Provost's office, as this falls under their jurisdiction. The Library Improvement Fund Committee is working on having hot water dispensers installed so people can make hot drinks outside of Première Moisson's opening hours.



Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.