



McGill

Senate Committee on Libraries

Minutes

Date: 17 May 2016

Time: 2:00 - 3:30pm

Place: McLennan M1.07

Attendance:

Colleen Cook
Ghyslaine McClure
Ronald Gehr
Malcolm McClintock (incoming SSMU Library
Improvement Fund rep)
David Ronis
Lawrence Angel
Mary Laurenço
Dawn McKinnon
Tara Mawhinney

Regrets:

Jerry Aldridge
Robert Murgita
Evan Vassallo
Andrea Bernasconi
Gillian Lane-Mercier
Kenneth Boris
Ram Jakhu
June Liu
Belisario Solana

1. Approval of the Agenda
 - No change to agenda
 - Agenda approved unanimously

2. Approval of the minutes of the Meeting of 24 March 2016
 - A question was raised about clarifying a point regarding the potential use of space at the old Royal Vic Hospital site. Dean Cook noted that alternate plans had been imagined where some of this space might be used.
 - Minutes were otherwise approved unanimously.

3. Business arising
 - a. Dean Cook will follow up with Dean Allison (Dentistry) and Dean Eidelman (Medicine) about setting up an Advisory Committee for these faculties within the Schulich Library, which would be separate from the existing Advisory Committee, consisting of Science and Engineering representatives.

4. Dean of Libraries Report, presented by C. Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries
 - 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. This roughly equivocates to 4-5 'M' positions, or 2-3 Librarian positions. This cut will not affect the search for a new Associate Dean in User Services. G. McClure mentioned that the planned cuts for FY17 remain in effect as the budget is now approved by the Board of Governors, but the Provost and Vice-Principal academic may revise the amounts of the cuts in subsequent years as the Government has not announced any further cuts
 - The collections budget is being relieved with extra funding to compensate for the currently low Canadian dollar.
 - Dean Cook has recently attended various conferences with major world research and university institutions to examine factors and hurdles to overcome surrounding the shift from 'conventional' scholarly publishing to Open Access.
 - FIAT LUX 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.

5. Community Feedback on Libraries
 - Committee Chair Ghyslaine McClure asked Dean Cook to think about how the Senate Committee on Libraries can support the FIAT LUX project next year.

6. Other Business/Discussion
 - Libraries will be hiring some positions over the summer to fill in gaps left by retiring staff. In light of the cut to the personnel budget, Dean Cook and the hiring committees will need to be judicious in their selection of candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm