

## **Report from MAUT Librarians' Section**

### **MAUT Spring General Meeting, April 20, 2018**

The goals for this year's Librarians' Section (LS) Executive were to focus membership engagement, oversee consulting on the service guidelines and continuing to support research and sabbatical culture in the library.

This was 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 outgoing executive is Sarah Severson (Chair), Natalie Waters (Chair-Elect), Jill Boruff (Past-Chair), and Andrew Senior (Secretary-Treasurer). It was announced at our Spring General Meeting that Jessica Lange would be coming in as the new Chair-Elect when she returns from parental leave.

#### **Membership**

We currently have 53 members which represents 83% of eligible librarians employed at McGill. Over the past year there have been a number of recruitments and efforts have been made to meet with each one to talk about MAUT and MAUT-LS.

The Librarians' Section held their Spring General Meeting on April 17 from 12:00 to 14:00. Thank you to Axel van den Berg, Honore Kerwin-Borrelli and Jo-Anne Watier for attending. Following the report on the CAUT Librarian and Archivist committee, there was a discussion on advocacy around the reversal of the proposed elimination of the University Librarian position at Mount Allison. Michael David Miller attended the CAUT Equity Conference on April 06 - 07 and reported back on the experience. This report led to a larger discussion of equity and inclusion issues at the library.

#### **Records Management**

The MAUT-LS executive committee have charged one of our members Ekatarina Grguric with a one year project recommend some best practices for electronic records management for the section and help implement them. Sarah Severson has consulted with the MAUT finance committee to ensure that our records management workflows are inline.

#### **Service Guidelines**

MAUT-LS followed up on the service guidelines brought forward to council on with two rounds of consultations with the membership. With all the feedback an updated service guidelines for Librarians was brought to council on March 21 with the recommendation that it be approved. MAUT-LS has also been asked to share the guidelines with Library Council on May 3rd.

#### **Professional Issues Committee**

The Professional Issues Committee of the Librarians' Section has been active in organizing events to support research and sabbatical culture at the Library. This ongoing mandate has

come out of the second Librarian Research Survey completed in 2017 which identified an ongoing need by our members for more research support. They organized a successful panel in December that featured a discussion by three members who had recently returned from a sabbatical as a follow up to the first panel in 2016. Two writing mini-retreat sessions in partnership with Graphos (of the McGill Writing Centre) are being organized for Librarians in the next month.

The MAUT-LS Executive would like to thank all librarian members for their participation in the association and look forward to continuing the work to ensure that the association, and the Librarians' Section in particular, continues to represent you.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Librarians' Section Chair over the past year. One particular highlight of the role has been to serve on MAUT Council and work with colleagues from all over the university in forwarding the role of an active faculty association in representing its members' interests.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Severson, MAUT Librarians' Section Chair