

Wilfrid Laurier University

Library Council

Minutes – Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Faculty of Arts Boardroom, 10:00 a.m. – 11:05 am

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Gordon Bertrand, Anne Brydon (Arts, Faculty Rep), Pauline Dewan (teleconference from Brantford), Vera Fesnak, Peter Genzinger, Charlotte Innerd, Anne Kelly, Christina Kerr (Library Staff Rep), Dillon Moore, Joanne Oud, Peruvemba Ravi (SBE, Faculty Rep), Doug Roberts (Library Staff Rep), Greg Sennema, Michael Steeleworthy, Matt Tales, Irene Tencinger (teleconference from Brantford), Nancy Willing (Secretary)

Regrets: Rochelle Adamiak (Undergrad Rep), Robert Bruce (Grad Rep), Debbie Chaves, Eun-ha Hong, H  l  ne LeBlanc, Gina Matesic, Alma Santosuosso (Music, Faculty Rep), Matthew Thomas, Jill Tracey (Science, Faculty Rep), Warren Trottier (Undergrad Rep)

On Leave Julia Hendry, Carol Stephenson, Deborah Wills

WLU Press Mike Bechthold, Blair Comacchio, Jasmine Der, Brian Henderson, Clare Hitchens, Robert Kohlmeier, Lisa Quinn

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gohar welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion: Gohar moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlotte Innerd. Agenda was approved by consensus.**

3. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2015

- No changes to the minutes.
- **Motion: Gohar moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Anne Brydon. Minutes were approved by consensus.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. University Librarian's Report

- Gohar welcomed the WLU Press to Library Council and to the Library
- Since December 2014, negotiations to transition the Press to the Library were conducted
- The Library Master Space Plan fundraising is now underway with the Development Office; discussions with Student Services, Alumni and the Graduate and Undergraduate Associations for fundraising for the 1st phase of the Library Master Space Plan have taken place
- The Robert Langen Art Gallery will be brought into the Library; this is highly confidential information and should not be discussed outside of this room until the donors of the gallery are notified of the changes

- The curator will be responsible for the collection and the storage facility; we will need to renovate the Library to accommodate exhibit space; the Aird Centre will no longer house the gallery. Security will need to be updated to accommodate art that is valuable and important to the University.
- Is there a long-term plan to house the art collection? Yes, there are plans to have exhibit space worked into the Library Master Space Plan.
- May 1 will be the official date for the transfer of the financial portfolio of the Robert Langen Art Gallery, as well as the WLU Press

6. New Business

- a) New Research Support Fund, framework and process – Shawna Riebling (Office of Research Services)
 - Shawna presented the changes to the funding structure from the Office of the Research Services
 - Indirect Cost grants will be phased out and replaced with the new Research Support Fund (RSF), effective May 1
 - There are enhanced accountability requirements that include reporting the ways in which faculty/universities acknowledge RSF support; clear objectives will need to be outlined on the 12-page application
 - Key changes include the increased need to show evidence of acknowledging Tri-Council support in publications or publically and keeping record of these mentions (examples available on their website); wording to use: “This work was supported by the Tri-Council Research Support Fund.”
 - Tracing objectives throughout the year will need to be provided in work reports
 - View on their website: legacy.wlu.ca/research under “Doing Research”
 - Shawna doesn’t know yet the amount of the funding being provided
- b) Library Budget 2015-16 Update – (Gohar)
 - the cut to the Library budget for 2015/16 was \$396,000
 - carryforward policies have changed – taxing will no longer be applied to carryforward and the maximum amount of 5% of total budget for carryforward will no longer be applied
 - the collections budget has taken a hit with inflationary contractual increases and the exchange rates in the USA
 - \$300,000 is the impact of budget cuts on the collections budget
 - Gohar thanked Charlotte Innerd and all of the Librarians who worked diligently on selecting items to be cut
 - Some open positions due to retirements were not filled; these were used towards the cut to the budget as well
 - Communication of impact to the Library will be expressed in an organized way; we need to express these things carefully and responsibly
- c) Collections Budget 2015-16 Update – (Charlotte Innerd)
 - The impact is huge with the exchange; last year, the Canadian dollar was at \$0.93 and this year is \$0.78-\$0.79
 - The Library conducted a massive evaluation of resources; Librarians contacted individual department to let them know about the cuts to the Collections budget

- So far, have been able to protect the monographs budget
- d) WLU Press Introduction and Overview – Brian Henderson
 - Brian provided a brief synopsis of the WLU Press activities from inception in 1974 to the present
- 7. Other Business
 - There was no other business.
- 8. Next Meeting

The next Library Council meeting will take place in the fall of 2015.