

Wilfrid Laurier University

Library Council

Draft Minutes – Wednesday, October 14, 2015 Faculty of Arts Boardroom, 10:00 a.m. – 12:02 pm

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Laura Bassett (Undergrad Student Rep), Gordon Bertrand, Debbie Chaves, Vera Fesnak, Peter Genzinger, Julia Hendry, Anne Kelly, Nicole Kuindersma (Undergrad Student Rep), H el ene LeBlanc, Yanli Li, Jan McGill (Library staff Rep), Michele McHugh (Library staff Rep), Ian Muller (Graduate Student Rep), Greg Sennema, Nazia Sheikh, Michael Steeleworthy, Carol Stephenson, Matt Tales, Irene Tencinger (teleconference from Brantford), Matthew Thomas, Nancy Willing (Secretary), Deborah Wills

WLU Press: Lisa Quinn

Regrets: Anne Brydon (Arts, Faculty Rep), Pauline Dewan, Eun-ha Hong, Charlotte Innerd, Dillon Moore, Charles Morrison (Music, Faculty Rep), Joanne Oud, Gina Matesic, Peruvemba Ravi (SBE, Faculty Rep), Jill Tracey (Science, Faculty Rep), Mark Weiler

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 Matt Tales. Agenda was approved by consensus.**
3. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2015
 - No changes to the minutes.
 - **Motion: Gohar moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Julia Hendry. 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 thanked all Library staff for their hard work implementing the changes in the Library
 - We are working to achieve centrality of the Library within the University community
 - Budget cut implications have had an impact on collections, which impacts our students; by isolating part of the continuing collections and serials budget, we were able to protect the Library's \$2.7 million collections budget with additional funding of 5% per year provided by Finance to compensate for exchange rates that affect contractual agreements and multi-year agreements
 - Access copyright Negotiations
 - consultation with student organizations, President's Group and Library
 - WLU Signatory to Access Copyright Agreement

- What is the best approach going forward? What is the economic impact?
- What is the value they bring to the table? May 2015 new model of licencing premiums went from \$26 to \$18/licence
- 10% were done in the Library
- 20% of product was print course packs
- Cheaper licences for electronic mail and handouts were offered but were not appropriate for our environment
- Larger thresholds for allowed copying from 20-25% and would not charge us any content fee; would charge us a flat rate of 12¢/page
- Cheaper licence offered at \$12, copies up to 20% with a 20-25% threshold and 12¢/page with no content fee
- Beyond 25% and outside of their repertoire we would have to pay administrator and content fees, flat \$2.50/transaction
- Timeline: November 30 to have consultations and feedback from committee
- Quite a significant drop in price per contract of \$26 to \$12 from the start of initial negotiations
- Gohar and Shereen Rowe are negotiating with Access Copyright but nothing has been signed yet; we have to agree on terms
- Will become public if there is an agreement
- New licence will start January 1, 2016
- Consultation process is bringing price down; didn't want to go further until we had something viable to work with
- Will have conversation with Library staff and Faculty Association; Board of Governors will need to approve it
- Advisory Committee: Faculty members, Library rep's, Press, MGPS; Shereen Rowe and Gohar are the Co-chairs of the committee
- Cost/student previous licence? Part A: 10% of material; \$3.38/student; Part B: bookstore, 10¢/page and logged bibliographic information "pay as you go"; licence was to expire in 2009
- Budget strategies – the Library will need to plan for possible budget cuts; we have a small reserve set aside to help alleviate some of the impact for this year as part of our budget modelling process

6. New Business

- a) Strategic Academic Plan 2015-2020 – Gohar Ashoughian
 - Being discussed at different faculty councils
 - Deb MacLatchy started conversations with members of VPAC and members of Senate Academic Planning Committee
 - Basic themes have been identified
 - SMA's, funding formula review, demographic change and technological transformation prime elements and basis for conversation
 - Strategic Mandate Agreement: Each of the theme goals has been identified with a set of strategies
 - Goals 1 and 2
 - Laurier's foundation is ... (Rationale)
 - Niche programs that make significant impact but are not high demand programs with significant impact on graduate programs that support vibrant research clusters

- Immersive learning to connect to “communities of interest”
 - Co-curricular background to move forward in the real world
 - Diversify student body – cultural, societal, political aspects
 - Focus on students to develop cross-cultural competencies, more emphasis on support of indigeneity and internationalization
 - Feedback: university-wide consultation process for individual input as well
 - Library will be a unit that needs to respond as well as individual responses
 - Greg Sennema asked how this affects IPRM and Resource Management implementation; Gohar said there have been no conversations of that specific area
 - Julia Hendry wondered if the Library is to respond to the three programs identified as flagship programs of WLU (SBE, Music, FSW)?
 - October 23 is the deadline for responses; there is some merit in responding as a group; Gohar thought the Library should respond rather than Library Council
 - Irene Tencinger thought the Liberal Arts mandate was a bit contentious
 - Jan McGill wondered if there were incentives to increase the Aboriginal presence
 - What will the University do to entice Aboriginals? Gohar thought making the curriculum Aboriginal-friendly and having a cultural awareness of the historic issues that face Aboriginal people could help
 - Matt Thomas thought the rationale and goals for internationalization don’t mesh in that the strategies contradict the goals
 - Michael Steeleworthy thought it was important to us as to how we move to a RCM budget model and how evidence will support programs; how well are we prepared to support these programs?
 - We have two SBE Librarians to support the School of Business programs
 - The BMus program is not as intense
 - The Master of Social Work – How are we going to support students at the Kitchener Campus?
 - We have an opportunity to be more organized and prepared
 - Julia Hendry and Hélène LeBlanc said they wouldn’t know what is appropriate as far as programs
 - Gohar asked, what is the value of the Library? We should have a response to make the plan a reality
 - The Library is an important part of making the Strategic Academic Plan a priority and to align with the University’s priorities
 - The Library’s core value doesn’t require a huge response
 - Laura Bassett thought the Library should put in a response because Library staff interact on a day-to-day basis with students and are here to understand students’ needs
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Gohar will send a separate email to Library staff and Library Council regarding responses to the White Paper Strategic Academic Plan
- b) Laurier ICT Strategic Plan Presentation – Nela Petkovic, CIO and ICT Team Members
 - Nela Petkovic and the ICT Team conducted a comprehensive presentation that covered all areas of ICT which include support, diversity, collaboration and growth

- c) Laurier Library Maker Space – Gordon Bertrand
 - This item will be moved to our next Library Council meeting.

7. Other Business

- There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. The next Library Council meeting will take place on Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Faculty of Arts Boardroom, DAWB5-103.