

Wilfrid Laurier University

Library Council

Draft Minutes – Monday, April 18, 2016 Faculty of Arts Boardroom, 10:00 a.m. – 11:35 am

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Laura Bassett (Undergrad Student Rep), Gordon Bertrand, Debbie Chaves, Vera Fesnak, Charlotte Innerd, Nicole Kuindersma (Undergrad Student Rep), H el ene LeBlanc, Yanli Li, Michele McHugh (Library staff Rep), Dillon Moore, Charles Morrison (Music, Faculty Rep), Ian Muller (Graduate Student Rep), Nazia Sheikh, Irene Tencinger (teleconference from Brantford), Jill Tracey (Science, Faculty Rep), Mark Weiler, Nancy Willing (Secretary), Deborah Wills

Regrets: Anne Brydon (Arts, Faculty Rep), Pauline Dewan, Peter Genzinger, Michelle Goodridge, Julia Hendry, Eun-ha Hong, Anne Kelly, Jan McGill (Library Staff Rep), Joanne Oud, Gina Matesic, Peruvemba Ravi (SBE, Faculty Rep), Greg Sennema, Michael Steeleworthy, Matt Tales, Matt Thomas

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Gohar welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - As per the March 24, 2016 meeting that was cancelled due to inclement weather, the agenda will revert back to this re-scheduled meeting to include Heather Bouillon, who will report on the implementation of the RCM Model and Shared Services; she will present after the approval of the agenda
 - **Motion: Gohar moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlotte Innerd. Agenda was approved by consensus.**
3. New Business
 - a) Implementation of RCM Model and Shared Services – Heather Bouillon, Project Manager – New Budget Implementation
 - Heather provided handouts for her presentation on the new budget model and implementation process
 - Gohar thanked Heather for coming to present this morning
4. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2015
 - No changes to the minutes.
 - **Motion: Gohar moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Deborah Wills. Minutes were approved by consensus.**
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - There was no business arising from the minutes.
6. University Librarian’s Report
 - New Libraries

- The planning for a new Library and Learning Commons on campus has begun, with user groups working on this process
- ACTION: Gohar will provide further communication regarding the plan of how the user group's input has been incorporated into the design
- The Waterloo Library and Learning Commons will proceed in parallel with the Market Square Library planning in Brantford
- The Library in Brantford will be a full-fledged academic library
- Brantford students have lobbied for a library for many years
- A steering committee for the Market Square has been struck that will align with the Master Space Plan at the Brantford Campus
- The Brantford Campus Library will take a holistic approach to a Library of the 21st Century, with innovative spaces and services that will bridge relationships with communities in Brantford, the Brant Museum for example

WLU Press and Robert Langen Gallery

- The Press and the Langen Gallery became part of the University Library in May, 2015
- Gohar thanked Lisa for working on the business and budget models to move the Press forward
- Cultural programming will be enhanced with the Gallery moving to the Library; a budget plan is being developed
- The WLU Library is one of a few institutions to have a Press incorporated in its structure; we are fortunate to have a Press with such a high reputation as well as a Gallery to augment cultural programs; this will help in building synergies within the Library going forward

Second Associate University Librarian

- The second Associate University Librarian position has been approved by the VP: Academic's Office and funding is now in place
- The Library will be working on the portfolio and to elect a Search Committee
- Communication and discussion regarding this position will start soon

6. New Business

- b)WLU Press – Integration Update – Lisa Quinn, Director WLU Press
 - 2015/16 and 2016/17 were transitional years for the Press
 - We have been settling staffing situations with retirements through attrition and redundancies
 - Our focus will be on book publishing, as well as what the possibilities are for digital
 - The Press has been working with the Library's Digital Initiatives to integrate our systems into the Library systems
 - We will be launching our new website in the fall
 - We have added to our staff, a new Senior Editor, Siobhan McMenemy
 - We are in the process of hiring a new Digital Projects Co-ordinator, a position that is shared with the Library
 - Physical integration into the Library will take place late August with the construction of new offices on the 4th floor; this will allow a more organic approach to explore connections with Librarians, Library staff and faculty across campus
 - Our next stages will be strategic with contacting department heads to understand their role; this would allow the Press to see if we can incorporate processes, ideas and synergies

- The Press is moving away from journal publishing and need to re-invent what our responsibilities are and how we engage with journal publishing
 - H  l  ne LeBlanc suggested incorporating a new book display for the Press in the Library and thought our users would like to see this; Gohar said this was already in the planning stages
 - The Press has had conversations with the Bookstore to focus on certain topics and merchandising of books with a display wall to carry the presence of the Library and Press
 - Art of book binding – part of maker space movement; potential for podcasts with Maker Space that could involve students potentially
 - Renovations in the Library will introduce gallery space and the WLU Press into the Library
 - Gohar thanked Gord Bertrand for working with Physical Resources to re-locate staff and offices for the construction work
- c) Library Makerspace – Gordon Bertrand
- Investigated repurposing the under-utilized Library Digital Studio as a makerspace
 - Investigated trends of practical experimentation/prototyping makerspaces
 - Makerspace is an experiential learning and entrepreneurship that fits into the Library’s strategic plan of being the cultural learning hub of the Campus
 - Fall 2015: creation of a small Library Makerspace Committee; committee began working on strategies to solicit input from students, faculty and staff; discussed what equipment and space was needed to make this happen
 - Maker Series event *Pure Data* (January 2016) was the result of this effort, an art/sound exhibit in the Library Learning Lab that was filled with attendees
 - Information and Communication Technologies and the Centre for Teaching Innovation and Excellence were interested in taking part in the Committee and had discussions about creating makerspaces on campus
 - Things to consider to make a hub of makerspaces, would involve pooling resources, people, specializations and infrastructure
 - Plan to send a survey out to students by the end of this week to obtain feedback about makerspaces on campus; also hoping to conduct a discussion panel to target our efforts to talk about makerspaces; how the space evolves will determine the use by groups of students; evolution will determine how the program is designed
 - Concept of developing a pilot makerspace (alpha-version) in 2016 which can evolve and provide a proof of concept
 - Hope to develop programming for September 2016

7. Other Business

- There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next Library Council meeting will take place in the fall term, to be determined.