

Wilfrid Laurier University

Library Council

Draft Minutes – Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Faculty of Arts Boardroom, 10:05 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Gordon Bertrand, Vera Fesnak, Meredith Fischer, Peter Genzinger, Scott Gillies, Fiona Inglis, Charlotte Innerd, Anne Kelly, Donna Kotsopoulos (Faculty Rep), H  l  ne Leblanc, Yanli Li, Phil Marfisi (Undergrad Rep), Jan McGill (Library Staff Rep), Dillon Moore, Charles Morrison (Faculty Rep), Robert Noecker (Library Staff Rep), Joanne Oud, Peruvemba Ravi (Faculty Rep), Nazia Sheikh, Michael Steeleworthy, Matt Tales, Mark Weiler, Deborah Wills

Regrets: Colin Aichison (Undergrad Rep), Debbie Chaves, Pauline Dewan, Michelle Goodridge, Eunha Hong, Gina Matesic, Greg Sennema, Jill Tracey (Faculty Rep), Julia Hendry, Marshall Peters (Grad Rep), Irene Tencinger, Matt Thomas

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gohar welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the agenda. She thanked everyone who has contributed feedback to the two new Library building projects (Waterloo and Brantford)

2. Approval of the agenda

- **Approved by consensus**

3. Approval of the minutes from January 11, 2017

- **Motion: Gohar moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Matt Tales. Carried.**

4. Business arising from the minutes

- None

5. Waterloo Library Learning Commons (LLC), Draft Report – Gohar

Guest: Peter Thomson, Project Coordinator, Renovation & Construction

- The new Library Learning Commons will be roughly the same size (square footage) as the current Library, only slightly larger
- It will be located where the current Solarium is, between the Paul Martin centre and Concourse area; the parking lot behind the dining hall will be removed to accommodate the Library Learning Commons
- Plans include enhancing the streetscape so that the Library is no longer just looking inward, but also inviting in those travelling down University Avenue

- There will be a bridge connecting the LLC to the Lazaridis Business building; it will be approximately 15 feet wide and will include some smaller meeting rooms and other spaces
- Several questions and comments related to use of space (study vs. meeting), size of café, accessibility of loading dock, location of the collection, design of entrances and shape of building; Peter and Gohar advised that all feedback would be considered

6. Brantford Library ECS Report – Gohar

Guest: Gary Nower, AVP: Physical Resources

- A Laurier Library will be established in the current Market Square building located in downtown Brantford
- An architect from Toronto – *Moriyama & Teshima* – has been hired to complete the project
- Simon Fraser University also converted a mall into a Library, but Laurier's library will look different
- No preliminary drawings yet, but the report outlines what each space will be used for (classrooms, study areas, retail, food)
- The Library will feature an Automated Retrieval System (ARS) for storing and retrieving resources; this will help significantly with storing the collection
- Important aspects of the new building: large number of collaborative spaces, flexible space and innovative technology
- The Library will feature 2500 student seats, and compact shelving for 250,000 resources
- It was noted that delivery times for the exchange of resources between Brantford and Waterloo are not good right now; Gohar and Gary agreed that a more robust transferral service needs to be implemented
- Final Market Square floor plans will be available in June 2017

7. University Librarian Report

- Gohar expressed how pleased she was that information about both new libraries has now been released to Library Council, and that the process is moving forward
- Gohar advised that the Office of the Vice-President: Academic has asked for the Library to develop a long term vision report; a draft report is expected in May/June 2017; the Laurier community will be invited to provide feedback in October 2017
- Question about whether new library plans and information are confidential; Gohar responded that the information is confidential until an official Communication Plan is implemented
- There will be town halls in the future to elicit feedback on both new Library buildings from the Laurier community

8. Other Business

- There was no other business

9. Next Meeting – TBD, Fall 2017

10. Adjournment

- **Motion: Gohar moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:00pm**