

Wilfrid Laurier University

Library Council

Minutes – Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Faculty of Arts Boardroom, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Ann Marie Beals (Grad Rep), Gordon Bertrand, Debbie Chaves, Pauline Dewan, Vera Fesnak, Meredith Fischer, Peter Genzinger, Scott Gillies, Michelle Goodridge, Christina Han (Faculty Rep), Julia Hendry, Charlotte Innerd, Anne Kelly, H  l  ne Leblanc, Yanli Li, Dillon Moore, Chris Nighman (Faculty Rep), Robert Noecker (Library Staff Rep), Joanne Oud, Melanie Ross (Library Staff Rep), Joseph Small (Undergrad Rep), Michael Steeleworthy, Matt Tales, Xu (Sunny) Wang (Faculty Rep), Mark Weiler

Regrets: Eun-ha Hong, Gina Matesic, Greg Sennema, Irene Tencinger, Klaudia Wojtanowski (Undergrad Rep)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gohar welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Matt Thomas. Carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from November 20, 2017

- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Julia Hendry. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

- None

5. Chair's comments / University Librarian Report

Gohar highlighted that the Library Review process (currently in discussion with VPA) will be taking an innovative approach that involves engaging the Brantford Gaming Lab. The intent of this process is to both encourage and increase community involvement.

Gohar also discussed the possibility of a new building in Waterloo. A new building would be one way to address the current significant lack of study space. The issue is cost.

Currently we are in the process of going back to the Master Space Plan to determine what can be achieved at this point. The previous plan was completed in 2014, which means there is a need to refresh the costing. The goal is to work with the University to see if Phase I is possible.

With respect to the University budget process Gohar noted that there have been changes to the carryforward policies. These changes will result in the need for a more robust process that helps ensure consistent spending throughout the year.

Gohar advised that the Communications Update on today's agenda would need to be deferred until the March meeting.

6. New Business:

a) Update on Brantford Initiatives – Pauline Dewan & Michelle Goodridge

- Pauline Dewan provided an overview of the Brantford Foundations classes. These classes teach basic skills and are mandatory. The Foundation program was started in 2013.
- Librarians work with faculty to ensure that Library skills are embedded in these classes; an example provided was that of critical thinking.
- A brief overview of the Leaf program was discussed; there is a Library component embedded in this program as well. Leaf is offered at the Brantford campus (to International students) and is focused on proficiency in the English language.
- Michelle Goodridge shared information on programming updates such as the Gametalk lecture series. This has been a well received initiative (for about a year) and is looking to expand.
- The partnership with the Brantford Public Library was discussed; Michelle explained that the gaming program is also now involved in a joint partnership. County of Brant and others are reaching out for information on games. YMCA also wants to be involved as a way to engage the community.
- Another initiative discussed was Game Night, which can be seen as a tool for building relationships between domestic and international students.
- The Gaming Library Initiative is a board collection that started in 2017 and is expanding.
- Students seem to be enjoying the events; estimate of 30 attendees.
- Chris Nighman highlighted that gaming is afoot on the Waterloo campus and asked about possible display of digital projects in the Library.

b) Global Water Futures – Michael Steeleworthy and Gopal Saha

- Michael and Gopal provided a high-level overview of the project, which is a research data management collaboration that is looking at water resilience in Canada.

- The project is not just about water in the stream, but is looking at the social impact.
- This is a \$78 million dollar funding project that involves four equal partners.
- The Library is offering to fill a critical need in terms of research data management. Data management commences at the start of an idea and extends to the end at the point of archive. Michael provided an example of a drone taking 45 minutes of video that a researcher may only require 5 minutes of. The need is to determine how to best store that data.
- Michael presented an overview of the various stakeholders and discussed the importance of working with and being respectful of the traditional knowledge of the northern communities.
- Gopal Saha explained his role as Data Manager for Global Water Futures (GWF) as well as his related educational background in terms of providing technical support and developing policies.
- It was noted that there has been significant outreach to faculty as well as building of training for the students before they head out in the field in March.
- A question was raised re: opportunity for students to be involved in a more broader context. It was highlighted that there are good research opportunities in the field and that stakeholder involvement is wanted from all directions.

c) Communication and Cultural Programming Update – deferred to March Council meeting

7. Other Business

A question was raised as to whether or not the Library does anything specific to celebrate certain months.

In response, it was noted that the Library is always open to ideas and that cultural programming is definitely part of the Library mandate. The key is to program in advance as space is often booked. The Library is always looking for partnerships.

8. Next Meeting – March 8, 2018

9. Adjournment

- **Motion: Gohar moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:28am**