

Wilfrid Laurier University

Library Council

Approved Minutes – Thursday, March 8, 2018

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

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Pauline Dewan, Vera Fesnak, Scott Gillies, Christina Han (Faculty Rep), Julia Hendry, Anne Kelly, H  l  ne Leblanc, Yanli Li, Chris Nighman (Faculty Rep), Robert Noecker (Library Staff Rep), Melanie Ross (Library Staff Rep), Michael Steeleworthy, Matt Tales, Klaudia Wojtanowski (Undergrad Rep)

Regrets: Ann Marie Beals (Grad Rep), Gordon Bertrand, Debbie Chaves, Meredith Fischer, Eun-ha Hong, Charlotte Innerd, Peter Genzinger, Michelle Goodridge, Gina Matesic, Dillon Moore, Joanne Oud, Joseph Small, Irene Tencinger, Xu (Sunny) Wang (Faculty Rep), Mark Weiler

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gohar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of the agenda

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

3. Approval of the minutes from January 16, 2018

- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Melanie Ross. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

- None

5. University Librarian Report

Gohar discussed the current University wide issue related to lack of student space. The Library Master Space Plan (LMSP) would address this space issue, however comes with a significant financial cost (\$60 million for new building). The Library Executive is currently meeting with Facilities and Asset Management to explore options regarding feasibility of implementation for Phase I and Phase II. Architects have been engaged in this process; initial calculations of cost were previously calculated at \$2.8m for phase I and \$3.2m for phase II.

A question was raised as to whether renovation of existing building would make it even more difficult to move into a new building. Gohar indicated that we are not giving up on the idea of a new building, but also want to be both practical and realistic.

Gohar next congratulated Yanli Li on her recent continuing appointment as SBE Liaison Librarian and advised that an announcement would be made shortly regarding the second SBE Liaison Librarian position.

The final item provided as part of the University Librarian Report was related to an update on Collaborative Futures. Gohar noted that the procurement process is in place and that vendor presentations have concluded. She also noted that ideally the WLU Library will have as much involvement in this process as possible. Further to this point Gohar explained that Gord Bertrand will be seconded starting April 1st to work with OCUL. There will be detailed communications to follow regarding how Gord's existing portfolio will be shared across LibExec.

6. New Business:

a) Academic Liaison Renewal Project Update – Scott Gillies

- Scott provided an overview of the Committee structure and explained progress to date including completion of the literature review.
- It was noted that proposals will remain in Beta as there are still many discussions to be had with Librarians, staff, students and faculty.
- The project has highlighted that there is a need to find a method of addressing communications issues.
- Plan is to come up with an interim report with suggestions of what could be done and then take that forward in terms of a survey for students.

Suggestions/Considerations from Council members:

- Propose a minimum of 2 faculty surveys, one for CAS members and one for full-time
- From a student perspective, the preference would be survey versus in person committee; it would also be helpful to have undergraduate and graduate.
- Could also consider differentiating between student programs.
- In terms of collecting information, perhaps faculty could have the students complete surveys using a few minutes of class time.
- It might be helpful to connect with Student Services regarding the recent renovation of Turret and feedback received regarding student space.
- Student participation may increase with incentives; prizes have been offered in the past.

b) Communication and Cultural Programming Update – Nick Dinka

- Nick provided an overview of the team structure and accountabilities while explaining that the overall goal of the department is to amplify the work of the Library.
- Recent projects were highlighted such as the editorial calendar enhancement project.
- Slides were shown from the website and a point was raised that the current slide deck may not fully represent core services; this slide deck is a work in process and feedback is always welcome. It was noted that there is a desire to see more pictures of books and collections.

- With respect to Cultural Programming it was highlighted that there over 100 events this year.
- The 3 main areas of programming are 1) Cultural Services 2) Gallery 3) Makerspace

Suggestions/Considerations from Council members:

- A suggestion was made that a way to increase social media exposure would be to tag others in posts (regular students that are in the Makerspace could share).
- It was also suggested that although facebook is not as popular for some that it is still a key tool used for students that are working in groups and could therefore be a good tool for communication.
- An idea was put forth to try and connect cultural programming with instruction (highschool students coming and also having an art tour).
- It will be important to increase awareness of the makerspace among students (there are other spaces on campus, but this one is accessible for all).

7. Other Business

- None

8. Next Meeting – Fall 2018

9. Adjournment

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