

# Wilfrid Laurier University

## Library Council

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### Approved Minutes – Wednesday, January 23, 2019

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

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Pauline Dewan, Meredith Fischer, Scott Gillies, Michelle Goodridge, Charlotte Innerd, Anne Kelly, Shannon Kelly (Undergrad Rep), Chris Nighman (Faculty Rep), H  l  ne Leblanc, Yanli Li, Joanne Oud, Doug Roberts (Library Staff Rep), Matt Rohweder, Melanie Ross (Library Staff Rep), Greg Sennema, Michael Steeleworthy, Irene Tencinger, Mark Weiler

Regrets: Gordon Bertrand, Melissa Brennan (Grad Rep), Debbie Chaves, Vera Fesnak, Christina Han (Faculty Rep), Julia Hendry, Dillon Moore, Eun-ha Hong, Tarique Plummer (Undergrad Rep), Matt Tales, Matt Thomas, Fang Wang (Faculty Rep), Xu (Sunny) Wang (Faculty Rep)

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 Joanne Oud. Carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from October 10, 2018

- A correction was noted: Irene Tencinger was present; Minutes have been updated.
- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Melanie Ross. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

- None

5. University Librarian Report

Prior to starting the formal report Gohar took a moment to express sincere condolences on the passing of Gina Matesic.

During her formal update, Gohar touched upon the following 3 topics: Transform Laurier Library (TLL), WLU Press External Review and the Budget.

I) Transform Laurier Library (TLL):

- Gohar provided an overview to this point and noted that a lot of data has been gathered through the events (in October and World Caf  ).

- Now working on formulation of survey questions with the expectation of having the questions ready soon.
- Gohar noted that she personally had taken away that it will be important to find different ways to engage various groups both in Waterloo and Brantford.
- A question was raised re: timeline of TLL process and it was noted that we have experienced a slight delay with completion of the survey.
- In terms of survey support it was suggested to reach out to the service that is available through UW.
- Gohar noted that she would keep everyone updated on the progress.

II) WLU Press External Review:

- We are in the process of engaging in an external review; this is a proactive approach and was not requested to be done.
- Looking for insight on how to move forward.
- The Press has been operating without central funding for 3 years and needs institutional support.
- Lisa commented that the review will be 2 days of fruitful and interesting discussion. This review was originally planned for January, but has moved to mid March.

III) Budget:

- The recent government announcement will have a significant financial impact on the University; there will be a direct impact to students and faculty.
- Gohar explained that at the end of 2018 she was asked by the VPA to put forward requests from a budget standpoint, the following were put forward:
  - Librarian staffing needs
  - Collections budget (recoup previous losses)
  - Institutional support for the Press
  - Scholars Portal deficit
  - Makerspace
- A question was raised regarding student reaction to the government announcement. It was noted that the main student concern is relate to OSAP and that they are waiting to see what happens when the House sits again in February.
- It was noted that one of the student fees currently paid relates to Access Copyright which is a contractual obligation and will need to be paid.
- At this point it appears that students will be asked to choose which fees they pay for. This will impact the services that are available; Student Services is partially supported by the auxiliary fees.
- At this point it is unclear what the financial cut will mean in terms of operations and services.
- A question was raised at this point regarding the open Communications role. Gohar explained that we are looking at a different approach as we recognize that all aspects of the role are important.

## 6. New Business:

### a) Collaborative Futures Update – Scott Gillies, Charlotte Innerd

- A brief overview was provided noting that the current system is 20 year old software.
- We are about to enter the implementation phase which involves radical collaboration (13 schools versus the 3 that we are used to).
- The go-live date is December 10th; currently doing onboarding with Ex Libris.
- There will be new vocabulary related to the system as well as celebrations for the various milestones.
- A question was raised as to whether more holds will impact space requirements. It was clarified that we are working this, but need to figure out the system first. It was also noted that in another similar situation space was not significantly impacted.

### b) Makerspace Update – Darin White

- It was highlighted that yesterday was the 1 year anniversary of the Makerspace opening. It has been a very successful year.
- This space serves students, staff, faculty and the community.
- Darin highlighted the positive impact on student wellness re: providing an opportunity for “self-determination”.
- Workshops run every day and the students are responsible for managing the calendar. There were 150 workshops in the first year with 57% of students being from Business and 34% from Arts.
- Very open to idea and ongoing working groups; there is now a new student club called “Laurier Maker Club”.
- Partnerships are key to success as is the ability to scale up as there are 18,000 students to serve.

### c) Laurier’s Strategic Planning Process – Rob Gordon

- There is a need to be cognisant of where the government is today, but still inspirational for the future.
- The lens for the Strategic Planning process is 10 years and beyond.
- In terms of timing the goal is to have the strategic plan endorsed by Senate during the later part of spring.
- The intent is to have the Plan resonate with the University; there will be a focus on internationalization.
- There is a commitment to the multi-campus environment.
- The intent is to build on the existing plan, look at what we have been able to achieve and focus on the strengths.

- Rob reviewed the consultation process that has taken place to date, including World Café's and survey. He also noted there would be other opportunities for engagement following release of the draft plan (ability to submit on-line feedback).
- If required there will be additional consultations; want to make sure that people are engaged and do not feel rushed.

7. Other Business

IV) None

8. Next Meeting – March 14, 2019

9. Adjournment

- **Motion: Gohar moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:05pm**