

Wilfrid Laurier University

Library Council

Approved Minutes – Thursday, October 10, 2019

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

- Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Melissa Brennan (Grad Rep), Pauline Dewan, Vera Fesnak, Meredith Fischer, Peter Genzinger, Scott Gillies, Michelle Goodridge, Zemar Hakim (Undergrad Rep), Charlotte Innerd, H  l  ne Leblanc, Shannon Leest (Undergrad Rep), Yanli Li, Dillon Moore, Nathan Rambukkana (Faculty Rep), Doug Roberts (Library Staff Rep), Matt Rohweder, Tanis Schumilas, Greg Sennema, Michael Steeleworthy, Matt Tales, Irene Tencinger, Murray Tong (Library Staff Rep), Mark Weiler
- Regrets: Safaa Bedawi (Faculty Rep), Gordon Bertrand, Debbie Chaves, Julia Hendry, Anne Kelly, Ian MacRae (Faculty Rep), Eun-ha Hong, Joanne Oud, Matt Thomas, Fang Wang (Faculty Rep)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gohar welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged introductions.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the agenda. Approved by all.

3. Approval of the minutes from January 23, 2019

- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Michael Steeleworthy. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

- None

5. University Librarian Report

During her formal update, Gohar touched upon the following two topics: University Budget Process and Transform Laurier Library (TLL)

l) Budget:

- The University budget process started early this year and involved an ideas generation approach. Over 500 ideas were generated through the on-line submission forum. Each unit was also required to submit an idea generation template. Results will be analyzed in October and a second template provided in November. There are various committees that have been formed to support the budget process.

II) Transform Laurier Library (TLL):

- Gohar highlighted the high level of community engagement that has occurred to date; it has been a very inclusive process with wide representation (including 2 surveys and numerous engagements).
- The hope is to finalize the process as soon as possible. The steering committee is scheduled to meet on November 6th to work through a collection of materials and resources. The target date for a final report is January 2020.
- A question was raised concerning how the TLL fits with the budget process. Gohar explained that the two work in parallel with the goal being to deliver the best we can for students and faculty.

6. New Business - Presentations:

a) OCUL Collaborative Futures/Alma Update – Scott Gillies

- A brief overview was provided noting that the current system is 20 year old software. The new system has not been named yet, but will be soon.
- There are various benefits to the new system, including but not limited to enhanced user experience, access to a broader range of resources and shared expertise amongst library staff.
- An overview was provided of what would stay the same and what would change. Specifically the search interface will change and will be common across 14 schools. There will be also be much great access to search resources.
- Scott noted that starting next week (Oct 15) there would be a fines amnesty program across TUG for the purpose of facilitating new system implementation.
- A question was raised regarding the change to loan period and whether that would affect users being able to obtain resources. It was explained that with the increased resources there should not be an issue, but in the event that there is staff have the ability to recall.
- A suggestion was made that updates/changes to the Library system could be included in Faculty syllabi for the winter term to increase student awareness.

b) WLU Press Update – Lisa Quinn

- Lisa provided an update on the external review process noting that the Press is already acting upon some of the suggested operational changes.
- The Press is working on scholarly podcasting as a way to bring research and innovation to the wider community. There are efforts currently in place to create a podcasting studio within the Library.
- Lisa highlighted that the recent ARL webinars have been very successful with excellent feedback.
- Recent Press related awards were reviewed with a special note regarding the Prose Award for Literature (Daniel Heath Justice).
- Lisa explained WLU Press marketing efforts with respect to the OLA conference as well as at Congress. She noted that the Press has a partnership with the Gallery, which has been well received.

c) Makerspace Update – Darin White

- Darin explained that students are the “engine” of the makerspace. They bring the ideas, make the projects and teach others. It is a true opportunity for self-determination.
- Course integration was highlighted as a key component of the makerspace
- Darin shared various pictures and success stories related to making. Some of these were student related while others included staff and community members.
- WLU Makerclub was started in January 2019 and now has 100 sign-ups. The goal is to have 25% participation by 1st year students.
- In terms of Makerspace participation the largest group by far are the students at 85%
- There have been 16 workshops to date so far in the fall term.

7. Other Business

III) None

8. Next Meeting – January 14, 2020

9. Adjournment

- **Motion: Gohar moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:40pm**