

# Wilfrid Laurier University Library Council

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## Approved Minutes - Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Teams Virtual Meeting, 10:00am - 11:30am

Present: Gohar Ashoughian (Chair), Safaa Bedawi (Faculty Rep), Gordon Bertrand, Debbie Chaves, Pauline Dewan, Vera Fesnak, Meredith Fischer, Peter Genzinger, Scott Gillies, Michelle Goodridge, Hope Jowharian (Undergrad Rep), Anne Kelly, Devyn Kelly (Undergrad Rep), Helene LeBlanc, Yanli Li, Gregory Mitchell (Graduate Rep), Dillon Moore, Joanne Oud, Nathan Rambukkana (Faculty Rep), Matt Rohweder, Melanie Ross (Library Staff Rep), Michael Steeleworthy, Matt Tales, Matt Thomas, Murray Tong (Library Staff Rep), Fang Wang (Faculty Rep) Mark Weiler

Regrets: Tara Brookfield (Faculty Rep), Charlotte Innerd, Greg Sennema, Irene Tencinger

Recording: Holly Brunton

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### 1. Welcome and introductions

- Gohar welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed back from her leave, Librarian Pauline Dewan, as well as our guest presenter, Mary Wilson, Vice-Provost, Teaching & Learning. There were no new members to introduce.

### 2. Approval of the agenda

- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Melanie Ross.
- approved by all
- Holly raised the idea of recording the meeting to assist with minute taking, and noted that the recording would be deleted immediately after.
- approved by all

### 3. Approval of the minutes from November 3, 2020

- Motion: Gohar Ashoughian moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Scott Gillies.
- approved by all

### 4. Business arising from the minutes

- none

## 5. University Librarian Report

Gohar expressed gratitude for all the work that is being done during this challenging time. All of the Library's services that are approved to do so, will continue during lockdown, except for bookable study spaces and appointments with the Archives. The bookmobile continues to travel to Kitchener, and Brantford, and we are working on increasing available pick-up times at the Waterloo campus. The Liaison Librarians are continuing to work with faculty as well. Archives in-person services are suspended until February, but will continue to operate on line.

There are currently two recruitments taking place: Digital Projects Curation Librarian, and Head, Archives & Special Collections.

The University has started the budget process and LibExec is preparing for this, thankfully at this time there are no new targets for budget cuts within the Library. Priorities such as Collections will be very important in the approach for asking for additional support. The previous years of cuts have affected collections and monographs to the tune of \$600,000.

Helene asked if perhaps we could implement a digital tour of the Library for candidates (current recruitment), so that they could connect to the Library in a visual way after they are hired. Joanne Oud explained that LAP is working on this and incorporating within current recruitment cycle as much as possible.

Christina Kerr asked about the funding source for the Digital Librarian position, and Gohar explained that it is part of the Collective Agreement, and we must have a certain number of librarians as a constant.

Gohar noted that there are continuing conversations with Brantford Public Library, on how we will implement programming through these uncertain times. BPL has been very supportive to the curbside services, and the bookmobile. There is no other business to report.

## 6. New Business

### **H5P Project: Joanne Oud, Dillon Moore, Yasin Dahi**

Joanne Oud welcomed all and explained that H5P allows us to create and share interactive HTML5 content in your browser. It was developed in Norway, and was open-sourced so it is inexpensive. It has a lot of uses, and over 40 different content types. It is good for instruction, presenting, and organizing. The roll out began in spring of 2020, online due to COVID. The usage thus far has been over 300+ H5P objects, course guides, MyLS, with 1000+ uses per day.

Dillon added that H5P was a collaboration with eCampus Ontario - a non-profit, provincially funded organization that helps develop innovation in universities of Ontario, together with Open Education Resources (OER) in Ontario. Dillon also noted that Yasin Dahi developed some of the code for H5P Studio, which is a platform to share content. It is open to anyone with a post-secondary school email. The majority of people are very happy with it, and 2500 educators have submitted learning objects thus far.

The next steps will be to have better integration with MyLS, and to evaluate and enable new object types.

Gohar thanked Joanne, Dillon, and Yasin for their hard work on this exciting new platform for the Library, and the university as a whole.

Christina Kerr asked if it would be helpful to add eCampus Ontario to our OER resource page. Joanne noted she will add it. Gohar asked how we can make this available to our faculty as a resource, so they can take advantage of all it has to offer. Joanne stated there will be LTI - (Learning Tools Interoperability, as in integration with Brightspace etc.) implementation to allow faculty to use the H5P platform.

### **T&L and Library Partnership: Mary Wilson, Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning**

Mary agreed that the H5P platform is very exciting, and fully supports looking at ways to create curriculum content and outcomes for our faculty. She would like to collaborate on the testing and orientation of the platform to develop a way that it might be useful for the students as well.

Mary provided an overview of Teaching and Learning's priorities, in conjunction with the Library. She noted the presentation in its entirety would be shared with Council following today's meeting.

Mary highlighted that Teaching and Learning has over 40 members and is a crossover with the VP, Student Affairs, and the VP, Academic Affairs. There are seven areas under the Teaching and Learning umbrella:

1. Office of the VP, Teaching and Learning
2. Continuing Education
3. Experiential Learning & Career Development
4. Teaching Excellence
5. Student Academic Success
6. eLearning
7. Accessible Learning

Helene asked what the plans are for integrating non-traditional knowledge, and indigenous knowledge into the curriculum. Mary replied that her office plans to fully promote these two areas of knowledge, and they will work with elders and others to implement teaching spaces that promote the decolonization of Teaching and Learning.

Scott Gillies commented that accessibility needs to be better addressed for students, he would like to see the Library and Teaching and Learning further collaborate to provide physical spaces for students with accessibility needs. Mary agreed with this suggestion, and explained that her office is in the process of hiring a Director to address these needs.

Mary also stated that she supports the Academic Integrity Campaign, for a shared accountability between students and faculty. Her Office is just beginning to start the work on this effort now. Mary also noted the importance of the collaboration between the Teaching & Learning office, and the Library in working to move the University forward. She feels the partnership will be beneficial in understanding how best to serve the aim of inclusive learning. She ended her presentation with the following statement: "The Library is an exciting, and vital part of the university's success."

It was noted that following the meeting, Mary's powerpoint presentation will be emailed to all Council members.

7. Other Business

- none

8. Next Meeting

- March 29, 2021

9. Adjournment

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