

**MINUTES OF THE BRACKEN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 27, 2013**

Present: D. Edge (via telephone), L. Flynn, D. Hurlbut (Chair), S. Maranda, A. Nazerali-Maitland, L. Scott, M. Villeneuve, J. Xu
Regrets: D. Andrew, M. Armitage, G. Blohm, J. Dantes, A. Smithers, I. Vrabac, J. Yoon

Roundtable introductions were made.

1. Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Minutes of Meeting of February 7, 2013

The Minutes were approved.

3. Feedback from Student Representatives

- J. Xu brought forward that the medical students have issues with the proxy page for the Library: having to click through many links. It would be useful to have more links added to the front page – particularly links to popular resources like BMJ. There was some discussion around this topic and the suggestion was made to bookmark the Bracken Library main page from which one is prompted to enter the remote login when trying to access a Queen's-only resource.
- A. Nazerali-Maitland stated that the Residents have a limited time available to come to the library but they do use the on-line resources. The Library services available are adequate for their needs. A session on how to do literature searches was useful. Google is the most popular search engine. They tend to need to find answers to specific questions quickly, rather than accessing the library resources to do in-depth research on a topic.

4. Feedback from Faculty Representatives

- In response to a request for feedback on e-books at the October 2012 meeting, D. Edge polled the Nursing faculty and received 10 responses:
- All are in favour of moving to e-book purchases however they had some concerns related to e-books which A. Smithers asked S. Maranda to relay to members:
 - Is there a financial implication of e-books being more expensive?
Many publishers are now releasing their print and electronic books at the same time, although some are delaying the electronic by a number of weeks/months. We have to make the decision whether to purchase the print because the content is needed immediately, or whether there might be time to wait for the electronic format to become available. A number of publishers are starting to charge the same price for 1-user electronic access as the cost for the print, however this is not always the case. Purchasing ebooks on an aggregator platform frequently includes DRM (Digital Rights Management) restrictions, particularly on the amount of printing, copying, and downloading. Purchasing ebooks on the publisher platform generally allows more user rights, but may cost more.
 - Is there any implication for archiving etc.?
Whenever possible we purchase our ebooks in perpetuity, so these books we own. For some packages we negotiate local-loading on the Ontario Scholars Portal platform so there is a second platform for access. However, there are some ebooks to which we can only subscribe. When/if the subscription is terminated, access is lost to those ebooks. If a new edition becomes available during our subscription, we generally receive access to that new edition, and the

older edition is removed from the platform. If we believe it is important to have access to older editions, we could consider purchasing the print.

- M. Villeneuve announced that the School of Rehab. Therapy faculty have unanimously nominated librarian Paola Durando for the OCUFA Librarianship Award. Some faculty and librarians will be getting an email tomorrow requesting letters of support which will need to be submitted by April 30, 2013.
- D. Hurlbut discussed the ramifications of the end of the KGH Library services contract with Bracken Library. An intra-hospital working group has been formed. It is important that the Residents have representation on that group. He intends to send an email to the group. L. Flynn added that this contract termination of library services by KGH is a great concern. While Residents will still have access to resources via Queen's because they are students, the nurses will not. The Royal College accreditation requires the hospital to provide Residents with library resources. S. Maranda stated that she understands the budget constraints at the hospital and was open to adjusting the contract accordingly. The letter from KGH ending the contract was a surprise. KGH is putting out an RFP (Request for Proposal) to provide access to resources. S. Maranda stated that Bracken Library will not put a proposal together for access to resources alone. It is the added value of the *services* Bracken Library provides that would be worth bidding for. A. Nazerali-Maitland stated that he feels it is the physician's responsibility to get the most up to date information, not the hospital's. S. Maranda stated that may be possible for the physicians, who have access to many resources through the CMA and Queen's, but not for the allied health staff.

5. **Business Arising - None**

6. **e-Learning**

- L. Flynn is chairing the Advisory Committee on eLearning in Health Sciences. The committee's work is happening concurrently with the university-wide Strategic Planning Committee working on e-learning at Queen's. The committee meets regularly and a report is due to the Dean by the end of May 2013. Two main focuses are:
 - Blended learning (face-to-face & technology)
 - Distance learning

While the conclusions are not yet formed it is clear that there will need to be:

- Faculty development
- Infrastructure support

There was some discussion about the drawbacks of the Rehab. Central platform and the fact that Nursing and Rehab. Schools don't currently have e-Learning support. L. Flynn confirmed that MedTech will be the platform used and that the concerns about support will be addressed in the recommendations.

7. **Library and Archives Master Plan (LAMP)**

S. Maranda gave an overview of the LAMP process. It is basically a planning exercise in which the focus is to reduce the space taken up by the library collection and to create more user space. Three posters produced by the architects were passed around. One of the more recent meetings dealt with ways to alleviate the overcrowded and outdated space at the University Archives (Kathleen Ryan Hall). Special Collections, located in Douglas Library, is facing the same issues. One suggestion is to have both of these collections located in 1 facility – Douglas Library. Changes to Stauffer Library are also suggested with more user spaces, meeting rooms and classrooms. Music and Art collections and services could be co-located on one of the SL floors. The next workshop will focus on the remaining libraries. A report is due by June 2013. Please visit the LAMP website for more information and/or to give feedback:

<http://www.queensu.ca/connect/lamp>

8. Collections Update

S. Maranda

As was noted at the last Advisory Committee meeting, we are trying to seek a balance between our print and electronic book collections. At the present time one of our staff is checking a list of “essential titles” in the health sciences to determine our existing mix of print and electronic. Over the summer the subject selectors will review the titles in their disciplines and will determine which titles might be best suited for which format, and which titles might be purchased in both formats.

We are also trying to promote our ebooks, and you may have noticed our “spotlight” title on the Bracken Library homepage, plus new LibGuides created for different topics. The most recent of these is a spotlight on Harrison’s, in addition to other titles we have in both print and electronic format.

9. User Services Update

S. Maranda

- A demonstration of the “manage my data” page on Bracken’s homepage via the “services to faculty” link or via the general library tool bar (Find Info / Maps / Manage your data). This is an open repository where researchers can post their data. Funding agencies such as CIHR are now requiring researchers to post their data on a repository. There are 2 Library staff managing this site. They will provide support.
- On Bracken’s homepage there is a “spotlight on...” section where resources (both print and electronic) are shown. The resources are in the areas of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacology.
- The new “hours” page on the Library home page was shown.

10. Outreach Update

S. Maranda

The contract with KGH ends on March 31st. There was some discussion on the necessity for and the method of distinguishing KGH users who are Queen’s faculty (and therefore entitled to access all resources and services) and those who are not. The other Outreach sites have all renewed their contracts for another year. The Northumberland Hills Hospital (Cobourg) is very happy to have purchased the new Mosby’s Nursing Skills resource.

11. Announcements

S. Maranda

- DBMS QUQAP: Librarians will be involved in a new Graduate course – Fundamentals of Academic Research.
- Scholarship Event: Teaching Beyond the classroom – June 19
Faculty reps. were encouraged to attend this event.

As this was the last meeting of the academic year, D. Hurlbut thanked all the members for their participation on the Committee.

S. Maranda thanked D. Hurlbut for Chairing the Committee this year.