

**Minutes of the  
Bracken Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 30, 2017 3:30-430PM  
Room 137, Bracken Library**

Present: D. Tregunno (Chair), S. Maranda, L. Flynn, S. Morden, A. Smithers, H. McMullen, S. Wickett, K. Bishop, B. Pioli, M. McIver (recorder)

Regrets: R. Viola, Q. Duan, J. Gallivan, H. Cramm, M. Sumaida, I. Ostrovski, L. Symons, A. Clark, K. Mikalson,

1. Approval of Agenda – Approved, with three additions: items 5.c), 8.b), and 10.d)
2. Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2016 - Approved
3. Feedback from student representatives
  - K. Bishop, student rep OT and PT: Students like the changes taking place on the lower level and have found library staff helpful with research projects.
  - B. Pioli, student rep Life Sciences: Students are positive about the new space, especially the increase in study space.
  - Via email: Nursing students noted that there are outlets without power, and expressed curiosity about the timeline for the study carrels. **ACTION:** MM will look into the power issue – thought to be recently corrected. Done: The newly installed carrels have power available, as do the two groups of tables which have functioning power bars.
4. Feedback from faculty representatives
  - Love the library and no other feedback to report
5. Business arising
  - a) Journals Survey – update H. McMullen

Under the direction of the Canadian Research Knowledge Network and Vincent Larivière, Canada Research Chair in the Transformation of Scholarly Communication, Queen’s was one of 22 Canadian university libraries to deploy a journals usage survey in late fall and early winter of this academic year. In addition to gathering usage and citation statistics, the survey strives to assess the qualitative aspects of various journals to determine which are most valuable to our users. It is anticipated that the survey will identify broad trends across all institutions as well as useful analytics specific to Queen’s. Preliminary results are expected in late spring or early summer.
  - b) Research Data Management Survey – Jan 2017 S. Maranda

In January, Queen’s University Library launched a third round of the Research Data Management (RDM) Survey to solicit feedback from the Faculty of Health Sciences community. Faculty members, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students were asked about RDM practices of sharing and managing research data and to how the library might help facilitate data management activities on campus. This initiative is part of [Portage’s Canadian RDM Survey](#)

[Consortium](#), a group of several universities working together to gain a richer understanding of RDM practices and required support services, particularly in light of upcoming changes to funding requirements around data sharing, data preservation and the submission of data management plans. Results are expected to be released in time for the fall 2017 meeting of the Bracken HS Library Advisory Committee.

c) Website Consultations

S. Morden

- The new QUL website was launched July 2016, developed based on user consultations, analytics, and web best practices. Development and improvement is ongoing in consultation with users. User experience (UX) sessions are held to target specific areas.
- L. Flynn and D Tregunno highlighted the importance of the Point-of-Care (POC) tools. Librarians have created LibGuides, but there were concerns that they were not easily found on the new website. We discussed several paths to the POC tools, such as research by subject, database search, site search, and saved links; and discussed options to improve the visibility, such as opening the accordion so that the guides were clearly visible after a search, and creation of a general health sciences page.
- S. Morden mentioned that a meeting with Nursing faculty occurred in December to address some concerns and gather their feedback about the new website.
- H. McMullen suggested that a goal should be set to discuss and implement improvements to the Health Sciences pages before the fall 2017 semester.  
**ACTION:** S. Maranda & S. Morden will coordinate library staff and user consultations within the Faculty of HS and will address specific concerns about POC tools

6. Presentation: OCUL Collaborative Futures

S. Morden

Sandra Morden, Head of Discovery & Technology Services in the Library, presented an overview of plans for a new shared Library Services Platform, tentatively scheduled to be launched in spring/summer 2018. This is a consortial partnership among thirteen Ontario university libraries and will involve many changes including resource management efficiencies and a new user interface to replace QCAT and Summon. The presentation slides are available [here](#).

7. Resource showcase: Citation management guide  
Deferred due to time constraints.

S. Maranda

8. Collections Update  
a) 2017 renewals

A. Smithers

- The library is working to adjust current subscription practices to allow selection of journals for Queen's researchers at reasonable costs, in collaboration with provincial, national and international partners. In 2015-16, 44% of the library's budget went to top 5 commercial journal publishers "big deals", and the community needs to work together to modify acquisitions practices as new models are emerging due to open science policies, networked digital distribution capabilities, and pace and scale of scholarly output in the full research lifecycle (data, code, articles). The library is working with faculties to ensure they have access to the information they need, and worked with Health Sciences to reinstate a subscription to a journal that was identified as being a

priority for learning and research at Queen's. Bracken HS Library cancelled 11 low-use journals where the materials are available open access after an embargo of 3-12 months.

b) Communication to Users

H. McMullen

In response to user feedback a list of cancelled items will be available on the website in the future.

9. Space planning

a) Lower level project

H. McMullen

Recent changes to our collections footprint will allow the library to fulfill its commitment outlined in the Library and Archives Master Plan (LAMP) to turn over the space to the Faculty of Health Sciences once plans to build a wall move forward. Currently, students are enjoying increased study space, one of the priorities identified in LAMP. Going forward the library will continue to work with Advancement with the goal of identifying funding opportunities for space improvements and increased seating capacity on both levels of the Bracken HS Library

b) Student involvement

Deferred.

10. User Services Update

a) New Online Bachelor of Health Sciences

S. Wickett

There is a module for basic information literacy skills that integrates library instruction into the online program through OnQ. The module defines 6 information literacy learning outcomes which are developed through 3 assignments. The module is required for the full program students and supplemental for others. The development of subsequent modules is in the planning stage.

b) Life Sciences & Biochemistry Information Literacy

S. Wickett

The new coordinator for MICR221 invited the library to engage with students for 15 minutes during a lab exercise to inform them about bibliographic management software. Multiple visits to cover each lab section were required but it was well received and deemed successful in introducing students to PubMed, EndNote, and librarians.

c) Copiers/scanners

S. Maranda

The copier has been replaced by PrintQ stations. PrintQ stations are multifunction devices (MFDs) that will scan, copy, and print in either black and white or colour. They are used with student and staff photo ID cards, loaded and topped up online with Tri-Colour cash. Our non-Queen's guests can purchase a pre-loaded \$5 guest card.

d) Student Engagement Questionnaire

Deferred.

11. Announcements

a) Terms of Reference and membership– change in Fall 2017

S. Maranda

This is the final meeting of this committee as a committee of the HS Faculty Board. Beginning in fall 2017, it will become a Library committee. The new terms of reference were distributed. It is hoped that faculty will continue to serve if their term of service is not yet over. S. Maranda will become chair ex officio. It will include liaison librarians and other library managers. Names of committee members will be posted on the QUL public website after obtaining individual permissions. **ACTION:** SM to send an email to all with new Terms of Reference, minutes and membership renewal info.

- b) QUL Annual report, 2015-16 for distribution  
Was distributed at the meeting.

12. Next meeting: Fall 2017

April 7, 2017