

Engineering & Science Library
Advisory Committee for Library Collections and Services
Minutes
March 31, 2008

Present: D. Beauchemin, Chair (Chemistry), L. Boegman (Civil Engineering), J. Burgess (Library), L. Campbell (Environmental Studies), M. Conder, M. Coyne (Library), D. Gregory (Mathematics and Statistics), S. MacLeod (Graduate Representative – Civil Engineering), S. Murphy (Library), L. Notash (Mechanical & Materials Engineering), J. Philipps (Library), W. Rau (Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy), R. Razavi (Graduate Representative – Biology), N. Saleh (Library), B. Teatero (Library), M. White (Library), W. Wu (Library), S. Yam (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Regrets: P. Boag (Biology), M. Cunningham (Chemical Engineering), N. James (Geology and Geological Engineering), S. Kelebek (Mining Engineering), R. Tennent (Computing), A. Zabrodski (Engineering Undergraduate Society)

1. **Approval of the agenda:** The agenda was approved.
2. **Welcome to new members:** we welcomed two new graduate students to the committee: Stephanie MacLeod and Roxanne Razavi
3. **Approval of Minutes of the October 30, 2007:** minutes were approved.
4. **Business Arising:**
 - a.) Bibliocommons: company has been contracted to update the public interface of the library catalogue. The goal is to improve the useability with features such as alerts and social networking capabilities for example.
5. **Budget Update:** The Library submitted our 2008/2009 Budget Report to the University in February. The Library requested base budget re-investment funding in the amount of \$393,000 for a new catalogue interface, Research and Instruction Librarian positions (1.5 fte) in Learning and Research Services, staffing in Central Technical Services, acquisitions and request for one-time funding in the amount of \$160,000 to digitize Queen's theses. If necessary, the Library's budget reduction strategy for '08/'09 would be met by the closure of 4 positions or 7.5 positions to meet the 2.5% and 4% reduction scenarios respectively. After years of closing positions to meet previous reductions, this would result in a loss of service.
6. **Collections Update:** New acquisitions include:
 - New Nature titles: *Chemical Biology; Methods; GeoScience, Nanotechnology, Photonics, Physics, and Protocols*
 - Referex: Elsevier E-books
 - Canadian Standards Association Standards Online

- Springer E-Book Collection

- 7. Communications with Senate Library Committee:** Barbara Teatero asked the Committee how we want to communicate with the Senate Library Committee. Of the options we discussed we decided to present an annual report of activities and communicate in between as necessary.
- 8. Services and Resources for Graduate Students:** we discussed the questions sent out prior to the meeting about the service and resource needs in science and engineering. The results are appended to the minutes. There will be a survey administered by the Learning Commons partners of all graduate students in the spring. Library questions will be included.
- 9. Next meeting:** will be called in Fall term '08. Diane Beauchemin noted that she will be on sabbatical next term. Sharon Murphy thanked her for chairing the committee and will be calling for a new Chair.