

(TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT BRACKEN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING)  
**MINUTES OF THE BRACKEN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

Present: K. Cross, L. Flynn, D. Hurlbut (Chair), C. Kwok, S. Maranda, H. Newton, A. Smithers, T. Ramsay

Regrets: D. Andrew, G. Blohm, N. Deshpande, A. Farrell, A. Qaddoura, A. Palmeri, D. Tregunno, M. Whitehead, M. Woo

Introductions were made around the table.

**1. Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of October 16, 2014**

The Minutes were approved.

**3. Feedback from student representatives**

- The Nursing students find the new resource Visible Body helpful and would love to see more resources like it.
- The Health Sciences students would like to see the study carrels in the Quiet Study area enlarged vertically so students can have more space for their books. **ACTION: the library will investigate the options and costs of providing a limited number of this type of carrel.**
- There was some discussion regarding how users can provide feedback directly to the library. They can visit the main Library page and under "Ask a General Question" they can submit their request/comment, etc. ...
- The Chairperson stated that this Committee is a conduit for questions, suggestions, etc. and he encouraged members to engage their colleagues. He also suggested that short surveys or perhaps having a "how are we doing" link on the library's main page would be a good idea. **ACTION: S. Maranda will look into this.**
- The Resident representative stated that communications go through PAIRO and that they also have a Newsletter.

**4. Feedback from faculty representatives**

- The Chairperson had no specific comments.
- L. Flynn stated that she is a member of the KGH Interprofessional Education Committee and is therefore quite concerned that staff at KGH still do not have access to a Library. It's a very visible gap in the development of research collaborations amongst hospitals and Queen's. There will be a KGH Library Steering Committee meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> at which the issue of library services will be discussed. The library representatives stated that due to licensing agreements the use of "work-arounds" to allow KGH staff to get access to library resources is prohibited. KGH staff should not ask Queen's students to access information on their behalf and staff who are Alumni from other universities should not have access to that university's resources and if they do, they should not share it with others.

## 5. Business arising

- OVIDSP Northern Light trial

A. Smithers

The trial started on January 26, 2015 and runs until February 25, 2015. To access this product go to “all OVIDSP databases” on the library homepage and scroll to the bottom of the list. This product contains conference presentations from 2010 forward. It contains very current, not yet published, material. The cost to buy the product is between \$5,000 - \$6,000 US. If enough interest is shown the library could subscribe to it. Feedback needs to be received as soon as possible after the end of the trial period.

**ACTION ITEM #1: the library will send out an email to the Committee members and they will forward it to their constituencies. ACTION ITEM #2: the library will send out an email to all faculty. As well, information is posted to the library’s Facebook and Twitter accounts.**

## 6. Demonstrations

S. Maranda

There were 3 demonstrations of resources/apps found on the library website:

- Visible Body: this product is found in the Anatomy Guide on the Bracken homepage. The product doesn’t work on the iPad at this time. Nursing student feedback: they like it but it isn’t as detailed as they would like it to be. **ACTION: users should send specific examples to [Bracken Library](#) so that they can let the provider know.**
- OVID e-Books: the OVID e-Books interface has been improved, although the changes are subtle. **ACTION: Users should provide feedback to the [Library](#) regarding what they like or don’t like about e-Books.**
- OVID e-Journal App: users need to set up an account. You might have to log in if you’re accessing it from off-campus.

## 7. Collections Update:

A. Smithers

- The Canadian dollar has fallen drastically. This impacts on the Acquisitions budget as most of the library’s material is non-Canadian. Currently there is a moratorium on ordering new material. Even with that move the Acquisitions budget will end the year in a deficit.
- A major library Acquisitions agent, Swets, went bankrupt several months ago. The majority of the titles held with Swets have been switched to another agent - Ebsco.
- If users find any broken links to e-resources please let the library know.

## 8. User Services Update

S. Maranda

- The videoconference service is no longer provided at Bracken Library. The room can still be booked by Faculty/Staff for Skype and Teleconference needs.
- Document Delivery services for Queen’s users is now done through Racer. This service is run as a central library operation. Articles can be delivered directly to the user’s desktop.

## 9. Outreach Services Update

S. Maranda

- There is still no word on whether or not KGH will request library services through Bracken Library.
- Renewals for the 3 remaining Outreach partners are in process.

## **10. Announcements**

**S. Maranda**

- Elizabeth MacDonald-Pratt will take over as secretary for this Committee, beginning with the next meeting.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled for early March. A Doodle poll will be sent out next week to choose the date.