

Minutes of the Bracken Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Present: K. Cross, N. Deshpande, D. Hurlbut (Chair), S. Maranda, T. Ramsay, A. Smithers, M. Whitehead

Regrets: D. Andrew, G. Blohm, S. Brush, A. Farrell, L. Flynn, C. Kwok, H. Newton, A. Qaddoura, A. Reneau, D. Tregunno, M. Woo

Guests: K. Ostler

1. Approval of Agenda

D. Hurlbut asked that a discussion about the OvidSP Northern Lights tool be added to **Business arising**. The agenda was then approved.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2015

The Minutes were approved.

3. Feedback from student representatives.

- T. Ramsay reported that while she had sent emails and FaceBook posts to the nursing students, she has had no response.
- K. Cross reported that he has had no response from his Health Sciences classmates.
- K. Ostler, who was attending in place of A. Reneau, reported that there was no feedback from the Rehabilitation students.
- While unable to attend, H. Newton sent the following email: "In terms of student feedback of the resources discussed in the previous meeting, we introduced the anatomy interactive body resource to student council and some second year students had said they had been introduced to it in their anatomy class and seemed to like it. A couple of council members also used the Ovid resources and liked the concept of it".
- D. Hurlbut encouraged the student representatives to spread the word and encourage feedback.

4. Feedback from faculty representatives

- N. Deshpande said that her colleagues appreciated the Ovid Northern Lights tool but she had no other feedback.
- D. Hurlbut has had minimal feedback and there were no negative comments or concerns.

5. Business arising

- i) The OVIDSP Northern Light trial has ended. S. Maranda reported that she had one comment after requesting feedback. A patron reported that they searched their own name and found two errors. These type of errors need to be reported to OVID. D. Hurlbut used it and found it interesting. He saw how it could be valuable resource for

indirectly trying to find current information. He wondered if it was fiscally viable. He also asked if we can monitor the usage.

ii)

- **ACTION:** A. Smithers said she would talk to an OVID representative to see if we can pull statistics. She would also like the statistics for Canadian content.

T. Ramsay said it was a good resource for cutting edge researchers but not so much for evidence-based faculties. K. Cross thought that getting an abstract database could be invaluable. N. Deshpande thought it would be good for getting abstracts from conference sessions she was unable to attend.

- **ACTION:** S. Maranda will look at whether our budget could support OVIDSP – Northern Light.

iii)

Student study carrels.

- K. Cross reported at the last meeting that 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:** Elizabeth MacDonald-Pratt will search library supply catalogues for larger carrels.

6. National Science Week

- The National Science Week is scheduled for September 21-27, 2015. The first NSW was held in Toronto in 2014. It is the brainchild of a U of T alumnus who is trying to encourage interest in science. This year 125 institutions will be taking part. S. Maranda told him that it should be students and faculty who should decide what they want to do that week. Our role is to help in any way the organizer thinks could be helpful. We can offer space, web space, etc.

7. QUL updates

- The LAMP (Library and Archives Master Plan) is moving forward. Dr. Hurlbut asked where we could find information about the LAMP.
<http://www.queensu.ca/connect/lamp/>
Campus Master Plan: <http://queensu.ca/cmp/gcmp>
- T. Ramsay asked about the “library square” (the space between Douglas Library and Stauffer Library). M. Whitehead said that putting out café tables and chairs during Homecoming Weekend 2014 was a success and it felt like a plaza. It contributed to the feeling of social geography on the campus. Dr. Hurlbut asked if something similar could be done around Botterell Hall.
- The paradigm for Bracken Library is to try to create more study space by perhaps moving some of the collection to storage or remove materials now online.
- The Lederman Law Library is currently undergoing some renovations and part of the collection was moved to Stauffer Library during the Reading Week.

- There are plans to upgrade the Stauffer Library terrace to make it usable by the Queen's community. Public meetings were held this week at Stauffer Library. Many ideas were suggested for possible uses for the space.
- There are no specific projects this summer for the space in Bracken Library.
- Service Point Delivery: The QUL system is currently planning some staff reorganization. Different kinds of services across the system will be examined, such as which are common to all Queen's libraries and which are location specific.
- A search is underway for a new Associate University Librarian, who will be responsible for dealing with opportunities in the shifting collections landscape, and dealing with Human Resources, finances, and library spaces.

8. Collections Update

- Due to the decreased buying power of the Canadian dollar, there are currently no new books being ordered.
- We are trying to renew our electronic journal packages.
- SWETS (a journal supplier) has declared bankruptcy which may have serious ramifications.
- N. Deshpande asked how decisions are made to purchase resources. How do we decide which journals to buy or keep? She was told it is driven by academic needs. Student and faculty input are useful in making those decisions. In Bracken Library, the librarians choose which books to order. A. Smithers works with liaison librarians who receive input from faculty.
- Usage statistics help to determine what resources we keep.
- During a discussion about electronic textbooks, A. Smithers revealed that millennial students still tend to prefer physical books to ebooks but that many textbooks are not available in electronic form. S. Maranda would like to see both print and electronic books but some librarians only like to purchase ebooks. A. Smithers said that we don't want to duplicate content in two formats and that we cannot buy every title in both formats.

9. User Services Update

- There have been teaching sessions for the Life Sciences students and an effort has been made to increase these courses throughout the curriculum. Because of the quality assurance process, we now have a librarian on the Life Sciences Education Committee. Pharmacology students have sent feedback that they needed courses in first or second year, not only at the end of their degree. Medical, nursing, and rehabilitation students have these courses integrated into their curriculum.

10. Outreach update

- S. Maranda has had no response for the proposal for services we prepared for KGH. Currently the only KGH staff who have access to any library services are physicians and residents. Nurses and other allied health professionals have no access.
- In principle, both Hotel Dieu Hospital and Northumberland Hills have renewed their contracts.

- The Quinte Health Corporation has not yet renewed and, due to cutbacks, we are worried that they may not renew at all.

11. Announcements

- S. Maranda announced the passing of Dr. James Low in February. After his retirement he took an interest in and founded the Museum of Healthcare. He worked closely with the Bracken Library staff to promote the museum.
- The Celebration of Teaching will take place on June 12. Faculty will present posters, live sessions, and speakers. It will be held in the School of Medicine building.
- A large touch screen on wheels has been purchased for Bracken Library. It will be kept in room 137 but could be moved to other study rooms.
- There was a discussion about Tri-Agency Open Access. Effective May 1, 2015, authors that get funding from the Council must ensure that their publications are Open Access within 12 months of publication. More information can be found at <http://library.queensu.ca/scholcomm/tri-agency>
- M. Whitehead mentioned the “Enquiry @ Queens” event, which showcases student’s research assignments. S. Maranda pointed out that Health Sciences students have other similar events in which they participate.
- The School of Rehabilitation’s accreditation was on January 19 and the School of Medicine’s accreditation is on March 30.
- There have been some staffing changes at Bracken Library.
 - The Access Services staff have moved into room 140 (the former Document Services office).
 - There is no longer a Document Services (interlibrary loan) office. With the exception of requests from our Outreach partners, all Queen’s requests must be placed through RACER and will be processed by Stauffer Library staff. RACER is available on the library webpage.
 - Peter Waldron joined the access services staff and came to us from the Teacher’s Resource Centre.
 - Jennifer MacIntyre is moving to a new position in Stauffer Library. There will be an overlap between the two libraries while she trains current Bracken staff to take over many of her duties.

D. Hurlbut thanked the membership for their participation on this committee. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm and the next meeting will be in October 2015.