

**MINUTES**  
**Bracken Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**January 20, 2016 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Present:** David Hurlbut (Chair), Paola Durando, Diana Hopkins-Rosseel, Maya Sumaida, Cara Coghlan, Hailey Newton, Sandra Halliday, Abby Farrell, Chanel Kwok, Martha Whitehead, Elizabeth MacDonald-Pratt

**Regrets:** David Andrew, Deb Tregunno, Bill Mei, Anne Smithers

**1. Introductions**

D. Hurlbut welcomed Maya Sumaida, the new Nursing student representative.

**2. Approval of agenda – no changes**

**3. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2015 – approved**

**4. Business Arising**

- Following up after the DynaMed Plus product trial, Family Medicine will indicate in June 2016 whether it will reallocate funds for its UpToDate subscriptions to Bracken in order to allow it to upgrade from [DynaMed](#) to the [DynaMed Plus](#) point of care tool.

**5. Feedback from Student Representatives**

- C. Coghlan asked if the Library would consider buying a subscription to [Scopus](#). Her classmates have also asked if Bracken Library could get a public colour printer. E. MacDonald-Pratt said that Bracken had a colour printer some years ago but it was unsustainable and thus removed. C. Coghlan said that course notes contain a lot of detailed colour images and there is definite student interest in a colour printer, as it's inconvenient to have to travel to another campus library or to the Publishing & Copy Centre in JDUC. **Action:** P. Durando will bring this request forward to Queen's University Library Discovery & Technology Services.
- M. Sumaida asked if there was a safe area for students to leave their valuables when they have to leave the Library for short periods of time, and suggested that items could be left at the circulation desk. S. Halliday said that staff couldn't be held responsible for students' belongings. P. Durando said they must often leave the area to assist library users. D. Hopkins-Rosseel suggested that if there was space in the Library for lockers, perhaps student societies could raise money to purchase lockers. H. Newton suggested cubbies like at Stauffer Library but those types of

study carrels are likely for term rentals. **Action:** P. Durando will investigate how lockers in Botterell B1 are allocated.

- H. Newton mentioned that the Library doesn't always have compatible Mac VGA adapters for connecting their devices to the 60" monitors in the group study rooms. **Action:** P. Durando will ask library staff to note whenever users have devices without corresponding adapters, and to request the adapter from Discovery & Technology Services.
- C. Kwok described [ReadCube](#), a desktop and browser-based program for managing, annotating and accessing academic research articles. P. Durando reiterated that QUL no longer supports any specific citation management system.
- After the meeting, P. Durando sought feedback from student reps who were unable to attend the meeting. B. Mei asked if there could be a newspaper stand for the student journal *Queen's Medical Review*.

## 6. Feedback from Faculty Representatives

- Diana Hopkins-Rosseel said that no issues were brought up at the School of Rehabilitation Therapy.
- D. Hurlbut will facilitate distribution of the minutes of the last BLAC meeting to the medical faculty and hopes it will promote feedback. He appreciated that the November 2015 minutes included links to further information.

## 7. QUL & Collections Update

- M. Whitehead stated that the current main priority continues to be the acquisitions budget which, due to the falling Canadian dollar, is currently in a deficit. Librarians are continuing to analyze journal packages to identify where savings can be made.
- Negotiating with publishers is a national problem and a united front amongst libraries is necessary. We need to develop sustainable publishing models, and we're trying to find more collaborative models. This will be a decades-long process. The bottom line is that we have to reduce our spending and we need feedback from our users about which titles are truly needed.
- D. Hurlbut enquired if purchase decisions are ongoing throughout the year. M. Whitehead responded that we would like to be more systematic with renewal decisions. Decisions also depend upon when renewals come due; P. Durando mentioned that some resources are licensed for multiple years.
- M. Whitehead said that during the LAMP (Library & Archives Master Plan) implementation, we will work with what is best for our faculties. Projects taking place at the Stauffer and Douglas libraries will rely on fundraising.
- With respect to the [Layers of Access project](#), M. Whitehead said considerations include whether print copies need to be retained in addition to e versions, what should be kept in the stacks, and what will go to storage. D. Hopkins-Rosseel said

she had heard that e-resources are degrading faster than print counterparts. She also said that some libraries are no longer digitizing materials. M. Whitehead said that Library & Archives Canada are making an effort to digitize materials as quickly as possible. D. Hopkins Rosseel expressed concern that the Library may only have an electronic version of a book.

- D. Hopkins-Rosseel asked if QUL has eCipra assistive software. M. Whitehead said that the Adaptive Technology Centre offers [text-to-speech and other specialized software](#).

## 8. User Services Update

- The public scanner which was out of service before the holidays has been replaced and now requires a login.
- Bracken library closed at 4:30 p.m. January 4-8, which inconvenienced quite a few library users. Usage during the first week of term was higher than anticipated. Hours are set based on usage at the same time in the previous year.
- P. Durando advised the group that Bracken Library is being affected by Faculty of Health Sciences program expansion. There are 16 proposed and recently-begun programs. We are endeavoring to integrate information literacy in the new programs. We also need to meet the needs of students with research needs, which is challenging with distance students. D. Hurlbut asked if library services are recognized up-front when a new program is developed. D. Hopkins-Rosseel asked how those programs would impact the library system and what percentage will always be allocated to the library. P. Durando explained that liaison librarians write the library section for program proposals, in which the impact on the library is described. Many programs start small then expand in following years, e.g. the Online Honours BSc in Health Sciences program is starting this fall with 40 students and is expected to expand to 640 students in 2019. C. Kwok asked how distance students can get help from a librarian and P. Durando explained that in the past consultations and training have been done by phone, GoToMeeting, and JoinMe.
- D. Hurlbut commented that the impact of the new competency-based postgraduate medical education program development and implementation on Bracken library services is still unknown.

## 9. Outreach Update

- The outreach partnership contracts with Hotel Dieu Hospital, the Quinte Healthcare Corporation and Northumberland Hills Hospital will expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Librarians are obtaining resource pricing and preparing renewal proposals. Most resources are obtained from American vendors, so the low Canadian dollar will result in increases.

- KGH, which discontinued its partnership with QUL two years ago, has partnered with Providence Care Centre to share a librarian. The Hospital Library is on Connell 3. KGH staff now have access to Mosby Clinical Skills.

#### **10. Announcements**

- S. Halliday announced that S. McKeown began a Special appointment on January 4 which continues until March 2017. This is a public services position, which will allow Amanda Ross-White (QHC), Laurie Scott (NHH), and Paola Durando (HDH) to provide continuity as outreach liaisons.

**11. Adjournment**—the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting to be held late March 2016.