

Minutes of the Engineering & Science Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
1:30 – 2:30 pm

Present: Chris Cochran (Mechanical & Materials Engineering, Graduate Student rep), Lisa Gervais (Engineering & Science Library, recorder), Noel James (Geological Sciences), Ernst Kani (Mathematics & Statistics) Steve McKinnon (Mining), Heather McMullen (OVPUL), Nasser Saleh (Engineering & Science Library), Neal Scott (Geography), Anne Smithers (Stauffer Library), Mike White (Engineering & Science Library), Martha Whitehead (OVPUL), Wenyan Wu (Engineering & Science Library), Tatiana Zaraiskaya (Engineering & Science Library)

1. Approval of the agenda: Item 5, Collections Update, was moved ahead of item 3.
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting: approved
3. Collections Update: Martha Whitehead reported on the financial constraints affecting the library's acquisitions budget, such as the exorbitant increases in the cost of journal packages that far exceed the rate of inflation. Collection development continues to shift its focus from print to digital. The library continues to adjust acquisitions practices to provide information resources to Queen's researchers at sustainable costs, and has realigned Faculty Unit budgets so that strategic purchasing continues
4. Queen's Data Day: Tatiana announced that this event will take place on May 10, 2016 in Speaker's Corner, Stauffer Library. The program will be available later this week.
5. Research Data Management Survey Update: Tatiana reported the survey was conducted November-December 2015. This was a collaborative project with 8 other universities across Canada. The survey participants included graduate students, post-doctorates, faculty and adjuncts in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and in the science disciplines in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Results would inform Queen's University Library (QUL) how researchers manage and share their research data and how QUL could better facilitate its data management activities. Tatiana reported she was happy with the 25.5% response rate and the survey report will be available for download in May 2016. Phase two of the survey will be sent out to those same groups in Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Education and Policy Studies and Phase three will include those in Health Sciences.
6. 6. Roundtable: A discussion ensued about how the library/liaison librarian could better serve the students/faculty/departments. Suggestions included:
 - librarians liaising with the department heads, Deans and newly appointed Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning (Engineering) to increase their profile within the department;
 - librarians are visiting departments to discuss information resources
 - librarians serving on curriculum committees;
 - faculty providing feedback to librarians on which journals to co-promote to students

- creating opportunities for students to retain the citation lessons learned in years 1 and 2
- further promotion of the Expanding Horizons library workshops to graduate students;
- creating an exit survey to include a cross section of undergraduates

meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm