

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE 2015-16

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Senate Library Committee has met regularly with the University Librarian and other members of the Library staff to receive reports and to provide advice on various aspects of the Library's policies and operations. Specific areas of thematic focus for the committee in 2015-16 as determined by the previous year's Committee included i) Library and Archives Master Plan; ii) Open Access developments in research and learning; iii) Community engagement, including Queen's 175th anniversary celebrations planning; and iv) Budget with respect to monitoring the impact of financial constraints on the Library's academic mission. To address these matters, the Committee held meetings October 23, December 4, February 9, and April 1, for which reports and minutes were submitted to Senate according to established protocol.

i) LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES MASTER PLAN

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The Senate Library Committee of 2012-2013 was one of the stakeholder groups engaged in the initial development of the Library and Archives Master Plan (LAMP), and the current committee continues to play a role in monitoring the progress of its implementation. At the first 2015-16 meeting of the SLC in October 2015, LAMP Implementation Advisory Group Chair Martha Whitehead provided an update on the progress of the plan. Key items successfully undertaken in 2014-15 included i) the restructuring of the Law Library, ii) preliminary consultation regarding moving Music collections to Stauffer; and iii) community design consultation for the development of the Stauffer Library Terrace project scheduled to open Summer/Fall 2016. SLC

Chair S. King is also a member of the LAMP Implementation Advisory Group, and contributed additional background regarding the LAMP concepts during the Committee's discussion.

LAMP progress was also updated at SLC meetings throughout the year and included discussion of two important initiatives. The proposed development of the reading room space in W.D. Jordan Rare Books and Special Collections was undertaken in 2016 with the specific needs of the December 2015 gift of the Schulich-Woolf Rare Books Collection in mind. These renovations will showcase these exceptional resources and will improve facilities for scholars using the collection. M. Whitehead also reported on preliminary plans for constructing the first LINQ (a new form of satellite study space for students) in Watson Hall, including the establishment of a set of principles to guide the development of future LINQ spaces on campus. Designs were drawn up for a pilot LINQ in the premises vacated by the Disraeli Project in Watson Hall.

The SLC continues to follow with enthusiasm the progress being made in the realization of the vision set forth by LAMP for the development of Library space and services in the coming years, and LAMP remains a Senate Library Committee interest.

ii) OPEN ACCESS DEVELOPMENTS IN RESEARCH AND LEARNING

At the February meeting, the SLC discussed open access, scholarly publishing, and library acquisitions, and how the Committee could engage the academic community in discussion and awareness of these important issues. This meeting laid the foundations for the subsequent forum "The Evolving Landscape of Scholarly Communications at Queen's" held 17 May 2016 at the Donald Gordon Centre. Hosted by University Librarian M. Whitehead and SLC Chair S. King, this meeting invited senior administrators and Faculty representatives to consider these matters: "the convergence of multiple factors including the opportunities of digital technology, an oligopoly of international academic publishers, new open access policies of research funding agencies, and the financial constraints of university budgets, has prompted the need for discussion concerning sustainable approaches to the publication and dissemination of research."

iii) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INCLUDING QUEEN'S 175TH PLANNING

Representatives of the Library's Project Group for Queen's 175th Anniversary, Jen Amos and Sandra Morden, attended the SLC meeting on February 9th and presented ways in which the Library will highlight Queen's 175th Anniversary. The Library is developing a virtual "then and now" display. Further suggestions included featuring collections and staff moments.

iv) BUDGET

At the April 1 meeting the SLC discussion focussed on the budget, including concerns regarding the impact of financial constraints on the Library's academic mission. M. Whitehead presented the key elements of the budget submission for 2016-17, and emphasized the challenges faced by the Library in sustaining the current patterns of acquisition in the face of the low Canadian dollar and rising prices posed by the publishing conglomerates, and despite acquisitions budget

increases. These financial pressures offered a further incentive for the May 17 scholarly communications forum.

OPERATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

One final item of importance should be included in this report. SLC Chair S. King and Recording Secretary K. Christmas were invited to meet 4 February 2016 with University Secretary Lon Knox and Erik Knutson, Chair of the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee, as part of a Senate review of the operation and effectiveness of Senate committees. King reported that the SLC performs an important function not only in receiving reports on the diverse operations of the Library but also in providing faculty and student perspectives on issues of mutual concern. That is, its function goes well beyond reporting to Senate to embrace collaborative dialogue regarding the key role played by the Library in both teaching and research at the university.

TOPICS GUIDING DISCUSSION FOR THE 2016-17 SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

At the final meeting on 1 April, the SLC suggested a number of topics to guide discussion for the 2016-17 committee. In consultation with the new Chair of the SLC, those topics were clustered into these categories:

- Information resources strategy
- Student engagement
- Digital strategies
- Open Education Resources (open access, copyright)

Finally, this is my final report as Chair of the SLC, and I would like to express my thanks to M. Whitehead and to the various committee members who have served with me over the past three years for their collegiality and passionate engagement with the role and functioning of the Library.