



SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 24, 2022 2:32-3:54 pm via Zoom

Attendees

Senators	J. Bulkan, L. Burr (Vice-Chair), V. Chitnev, K. Kanji, M. MacPhee, A. Scott
Ex Officio	B. Gopaluni, E. Kwakkel, S. Parker
Guest	Sheldon Armstrong, Associate University Librarian, Collections
Regrets	F. Andrew, C. Godwin, V. Li, S. Matsui (Chair), A. Mitchell, B. Nguyen, R. Topping
Senate Staff	B. Menard

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:32 pm on 24 November 2022 by L. Burr, Vice-Chair.

Agenda **Motion: *THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopts the 24 November 2022 agenda, as presented.***

Carried by general consent.

Meeting Minutes **Motion: *THAT THE Senate Library Committee approves the 27 October 2022 meeting minutes, as presented.***

Moved: L. Burr
Seconded: M. MacPhee
Carried.

Business Arising None.

Committee Membership Changes An outgoing committee member was thanked for their service:

- Tony Jiang, Student Senator, Faculty of Forestry

Two new committee members were welcomed:

- Kamil Kanji, Student Senator, Member at-Large, Faculty of Arts
- Alex Mitchell, Student Senator, Faculty of Dentistry

Discussions

University Librarian Update

As presented by S. Parker:

On November 23, students from the School of Information convoked. Congratulations were extended to the new alumni.

Every year, the Library holds a “spelling bee”. This year’s competition was held in October. It was noted that the Library was the defending champion, but lost the title to a team from Building Operations.

The Library’s EDI Scholars-in-Residence program has had two lectures to-date. A third lecture will be scheduled before the end of the school year.

The Library has completed full 2D digitization of the Shakespeare First Folio. It is available to be viewed here: <https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/shakespeare>.

Discussion:

It was asked whether follow-up is planned from the Library’s External Review. In response, it was noted that S. Parker is working with the Provost on two particular actions. One is for the Library at UBC Vancouver and the Library at UBC Okanagan to consult more closely, including on a review of the Library’s organizational structure.

Collections Budget Strategies

As presented by S. Armstrong and S. Parker:

There are a variety of sources that contribute to the Library’s budget, with ongoing University funds being the majority of it. Those funds have been consistent for the last ten years. Some funds are endowments for the Library. The Library is included in the University’s recently launched fundraising campaign entitled “Forward”. The Library has identified specific asks for things that would not ordinarily be possible without additional funds. The Library also receives funds through cost sharing with the Sauder School of Business and the Faculty of Medicine, and funds through the President’s Academic Excellence Initiative.

An overview of the Library’s Collection budget was shared. Highlights from the budget include a total cost of \$17,674,000. This includes costs for print and electronic journals and books at \$17,324,000, as well as non-library materials at \$350,000.

Discussion:

It was asked how the decision is made to purchase a virtual item rather than a print. In response, it was stated that UBC has an “e-preferred policy.” But, the Library is still developing a print collection. In 2017 the currency exchange rate from CAD to USD prompted the Library to assess where greatest demand exists. The assessment has prompted the Library to only buy what is really needed.

It was asked, with the move to more e-resources, what the vision is for the Library a decade into the future. In response it was noted, that the Library is organizing themselves with a new Library Management Platform. Electronic sources allow greater access to metadata provided by the vendor. The new Library Management Platform will be a gateway to accessing information. The Library will always have physical books, including a legacy collection, but the books received, including donated books, will likely be different.

It was noted that the Library is still working to help patrons to understand that the is a place where teaching and learning is activated, and research happens in various ways. The core purpose of the Library will not change, but its services and the way they are provided will.

The Library continues to work towards cost containment through various strategies including being part of library consortia and renegotiating the transitional fee agreements. Renegotiating these agreements has already realized a substantial cost savings.

S. Parker provided an overview of funding models used by other universities. Discussion ensued about potential opportunities for the Library to change their funding model to aid in accessing additional funds.

- Other Business** None.
- Next Meeting** Thursday, December 15, 2022 1-3 pm
- Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.