



SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 21 October 2021
2:31-3:36 pm
via Zoom

Attendees

Senators

F. Andrew
J. Bulkan
S. Mehta
A. Scott

Ex Officio

E. Kwakkel
S. Parker

Guest

S. Armstrong

Regrets

G. Averill
L. Burr (*Vice-Chair*)
C. Godwin
T. Jiang
M. MacPhee
S. Matsui (*Chair*)
P. Ratner
R. Topping
L. Wang

Senate Staff

B. Menard

Call to Order

The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:31 pm on 21 October 2021 by Bradley Menard, Secretary.

Agenda

B. Menard noted the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Library Committee. He noted that there were no nominations in response to the call for nominations of a Chair *pro tem*. In their absence, he called the meeting to order.

THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopts the 21 October 2021 agenda as presented.

Moved: J. Bulkan

Seconded: E. Kwakkel

Carried.

Minutes

THAT THE Senate Library Committee approves the 16 September 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: A. Scott

Seconded: F. Andrew

Carried.

**University
Librarian Update**

As presented by Susan Parker.

S. Parker noted that she was recently elected as the Vice-President/President Elect of the Association of Research Libraries, which comprises the top 125 research libraries in the United States and Canada. S. Parker noted that she is ending her term as Chair of the BCELN.

There is an exhibition currently in the IKBLC that is in collaboration with UBC's Faculty of Education NITEP program, with the subject of Residential Schools and Residential School Survivors in Canada.

There has been a reconfiguration of furniture in a fourth-floor study space on the south end of the IKBLC. This space is allocated for quiet study. Students were consulted on how to best utilize this space, and the reconfiguration addresses the student feedback.

There was recently a Library Townhall where UBC Library staff offered comments on current workplace operations. Comments were largely focused on the current state of the return to campus by students and staff. It was noted that library staff had been planning for this return, so the return has been going well.

Hours at the various libraries on campus are currently not consistent due to staffing and operating hours of the buildings that they are located within. These hours will be revisited in Winter Term 2.

The First Nations House of Learning is expanding their facilities. This construction work is impacting accessibility to the X̱wi7̱x̱wa Library. The physical X̱wi7̱x̱wa Library space is not accessible at this time. However, their collections and services are accessible by request of students and faculties. Requests can be made by phone.

**Library
Collection
Strategies**

As presented by Sheldon Armstrong.

COVID-19 had a significant impact on collections planning over the past year. Initial uncertainties were answered and learnings were applied. 92% of all new collections purchases were electronic, which is an increase from 85% the previous year. Traditionally print-centric areas of study, such as Chinese Studies, are being advised that electronic options are a need going-forward.

The budget preparation process for next fiscal year has started. The outlook is that there will be challenges in funding.

Roughly 85% of collections purchases are in US Dollars, so the exchange rate has a material impact on purchasing. Normally, the Provost offsets the exchange rate difference with one-time funding.

Use of streaming resources during the pandemic has increased exponentially. These resources are viewed with a long-term perspective; 3 year and perpetual

licenses are being purchased. The budget line for these resources looks good for this year. These services do not include e-books.

Both UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan are participating in an Ithika S+R study on streaming media needs with a goal to better understand future needs and to push for academic rights.

Monograph funding has returned to pre-pandemic levels.

The library will continue working with the four Canadian library consortia BCELN, COPPUL, EHLBC and CRKN. CRKN negotiates UBC Library's four major e-journal packages as well as a wide variety of other electronic resources.

The Scholarly Communications Office is being brought in this year to help in making decisions on Open Access resources.

The selection process for a new Head of Collections has begun. This role will administer the acquisition and collection development needs for all UBC Library branches. Also, through the President's Academic Excellence Initiative (PAEI), two new positions will be funded, an Indigenous Metadata Librarian and a Knowledge Synthesis Librarian.

Discussion:

Community access to in-person UBC Library services was restricted during the pandemic. In-person access has returned to those individuals. A discussion took place about whether it is possible to grant community members increased access. Discussions continue to look at expanding the definition of authorized users, with success noted around the inclusion of alumni.

Other Business B. Menard noted the two current Senator vacancies on the Senate Library Committee. He confirmed that a request has been sent to the Senate Nominating Committee to fill these vacancies.

B. Menard noted that in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Library Committee, a call for nominations is still active for a Chair *pro tem*. If any Senator members of the Senate Library Committee are interested in the role he invited them to contact him by email.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 18 November 2021 from 2:30-4:00 pm.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.