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# SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 20 January 2022 2:30-3:19 pm via Zoom

### **Attendees**

SenatorsGuestsSenate StaffF. AndrewA. BellB. MenardV. ChitnevB. Sprout

T. Jiang

M. MacPhee Regrets
S. Matsui (Chair) G. Averill
A. Scott D. Born
J. Bulkan

**Ex Officio** L. Burr (Vice-Chair)

S. Parker C. Godwin
M. Quayle E. Kwakkel
S. Mehta
R. Topping

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Call to Order and

Land Acknowledgement

The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the "Committee") was called to

order at 2:30 pm on 20 January 2022 by Shigenori Matsui, Chair.

Agenda THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopts the 20 January 2022 agenda as

presented.

Carried by general consent.

Minutes THAT THE Senate Library Committee approves the 16 December 2021 meeting

minutes as presented.

Moved: A. Francis Seconded: M. MacPhee

Carried.

**Business Arising** None.

New Committee Member Introductions Dawson Born, Student Senator, Faculty of Medicine
Dr. Veta Chitney, Senator, Elected by the Joint Faculties
Prof. Maura Quarte, Ex Official Wise Provest and Associate

Prof. Moura Quayle, Ex Officio (Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President,

Academic Affairs)

## University Librarian Update

## As presented by Susan Parker.

On January 12, 2022 UBC announced that the UBC Library had received a copy of Shakespeare's First Folio as a gift. The funds to purchase it where raised by a anonymous consortium of donors.

This copy of the Folio is only the second in Canada. The Library is making it available to the public by partnering with the Vancouver Art Gallery, where it is currently on exhibition for the next couple months. There are plans to digitize the Folio, which will allow the viewer to experience what it is like to turn the pages of the artefact itself. The Library has acquired a tabletop touchscreen that will be used once the piece is digitized.

The Library continues to be open with reduced hours, even though classes are currently being held virtually.

#### Discussion:

Committee members inquired about whether additional security is required to protect the artefact, particularly while it is on display. S. Parker confirmed that enhancements are being made to the security measures in the Library's special collections. One of the main concerns with the artefact is regarding proper handling.

## **Digital Initiatives**

## As presented by Susan Parker, Allan Bell and Bronwen Sprout.

The Digital Initiatives portfolio consists of the Scholarly Communications and Copyright Office, the cIRcle Office and the Digitization Centre.

The Scholarly Communications and Copyright Office provides copyright education and support, advises on complex matters related to copyright, provides a syllabus service that allows faculty to submit course readings to enter permissions into the library's course resource service, provides workshops, and manages the Open Publishing Program which includes open access funding, hosting open journal systems, and providing support with the creation of open educational resources.

cIRcle Office is the open access, digital repository for the research and teaching outputs of UBC and its partners. The office provides one-on-one support to UBC researchers and others who opt to deposit their scholarly outputs in order to make it discoverable and preserved.

The Digitization Centre builds openly accessible, digitized collections primarily consisting of materials from the rare books and special collections of the UBC Library.

## Discussion:

Discussion ensued regarding rules for reproduction of artefacts and other materials. Discussion moved to the complexities of digitizing Shakespeare's First Folio. It was suggested that anyone who is interested in seeing a digitized copy of the Folio, to look at Yale University's digital copy. The Committee expressed the importance and value of digitizing materials.

**Next Meeting** The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 17 February 2022

from 2:30-4:00 pm.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 3:19pm.