



SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 17 February 2022
2:30-3:28 pm
via Zoom

Attendees

Senators

F. Andrew
J. Bulkan
L. Burr (*Vice-Chair*)
V. Chitnev
T. Jiang
M. MacPhee
S. Matsui (*Chair*)
A. Scott

Ex Officio

E. Kwakkel
S. Parker
M. Quayle

Guest

A. Greenwood

Regrets

G. Averill
D. Born
C. Godwin
S. Mehta
R. Topping
L. Wang

Senate Staff

B. Menard

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:30 pm on 17 February 2022 by Shigenori Matsui, Chair.

Agenda

THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopts the 17 February 2022 agenda as presented.

Carried by general consent.

Minutes

THAT THE Senate Library Committee approves the 20 January 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Carried by general consent.

Business Arising

None.

University Librarian Update

As presented by Susan Parker.

The UBC Library is co-sponsoring an Indigenous writers celebration called Honouring Indigenous Writers, which includes several events including a Wikipedia “edit-athon”. The Library is also sponsoring a talk at the BC Library Conference in April. The speaker is a faculty member from the University of Illinois’ School of Information Sciences and the topic will be intellectual freedom and social justice.

Members of the Senate Library Committee will be receiving an invitation to meet with the Library's external reviewers who will be on on-campus from March 7-9, 2022. The reviewers will be asking questions about how the Committee works with the Library and the broader university.

Discussion

Discussion ensued about the Indigenous writers celebration, namely its format and how to register for the sessions.

It was asked how changes in provincial policies around COVID-19 will impact the Library. In response, it was noted that restrictions relating to events have been eased so there can be a return to in-person events hosted in the Library. Masks are still required in the Library but physical distancing is not required in public spaces.

Research Enterprise and Initiatives, and Update on Undergraduate Library Research Prize

As presented by Susan Parker and Aleteia Greenwood.

The Research and Scholarship Portfolio supports the research enterprise as it is laid out in the Library's strategic framework and the University's strategic plan. This includes knowing the needs of the Library and its community, and in turn filling positions, acquiring technology and providing spaces that satisfy those needs.

Discussion

It was asked whether there is a "meta UBC" where students can learn and do research together in a virtual environment. It was noted that this is not currently offered through the Library, but the opportunity will be considered.

It was asked how the Library is approaching changes in research. In response it was noted that emergent tools and forms of materials are being considered, with a view to the short and medium term. The Library is continuously building capacity to classify, accommodate and retrieve these materials.

The Library has proposed a new Undergraduate Library Research Prize. The Senate Awards Committee reviewed the proposal and asked for some additional information. This additional information has been compiled and it is anticipated that the proposal will be reviewed by the Senate Awards Committee in April. It was noted that the new prize will be available to students at both UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan. The prize highlights the critical role that the Library plays in student academic success.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 17 March 2022 from 2:30-4:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.