



SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2022 2:31-3:12 pm via Zoom

Attendees

Senators F. Andrew, J. Bulkan, L. Burr (Vice-Chair), V. Chitnev, T. Jiang, V. Li, M. MacPhee, A. Scott

Ex Officio E. Kwakkel, S. Parker

Regrets C. Godwin, B. Gopaluni, S. Matsui (Chair), B. Nguyen, K. Ross, 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 2:31 pm on 15 September 2022 by L. Burr, Vice-Chair.

Agenda **Motion: *THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopts the 15 September 2022 agenda, as presented.***

Carried by general consent.

Meeting Minutes **Motion: *THAT THE Senate Library Committee approves the 21 April 2022 meeting minutes, as presented.***

Moved: L. Burr
Seconded: A. Scott
Carried.

Business Arising The Senate Office noted that since the 21 April 2022 meeting, the proposed committee meeting dates for October and November 2022 have both been moved to the week following what was proposed.

Welcome New Committee Members New committee members were welcomed:

- Dr. Bhushan Gopaluni (Ex Officio)
- Vivian Li (Student Senator, Land and Food Systems)
- Bachviet Nguyen (Student Senator, Medicine)

Discussions

University Librarian Update

As presented by S. Parker:

It was noted that the UBC Library Annual Report for Senate has been prepared, and is posted on the UBC Library website:

<https://about.library.ubc.ca/news/publications/senate-report-2021-2022/>. An abbreviated presentation on the report will be presented to the Committee in October and then to the Vancouver Senate later in the Fall.

In an effort to make the Shakespeare First Folio broadly available, the UBC Library partnered on a display with the Vancouver Public Library from January to April 2022. It was noted that 45,000 visitors saw or engaged with the Folio. A Shakespeare research cluster has been formed with faculty representation from several departments in Arts. Digitization work is now underway.

The UNESCO Memory of the World program is an international initiative meant to help safeguard documentary heritage. The Library's Chung Collections are currently part of it, and the Joan Gillis Fonds have been added to the Canadian Commission for UNESCO's Canada Memory of the World Register.

Renovations continue on the Special Collections space, including "the vault." This work will increase the available space for books and proper space for maps.

The ASRS (automatic storage and retrieval system) is an automated, compact storage system located in the IKBLC. The ASRS has not been functioning properly for the last two years. Servicing the system was limited during the COVID-19 pandemic, due to travel restrictions between Canada and the USA. Work is underway to make the system operable again.

Discussion:

It was asked where new, special collections will be housed and displayed in the Library. In response, it was noted that there are very few collections that are put on permanent display. The new gallery space will be dedicated to permanent collections, such as the Chung Collections and Lind Collection. Whereas the Rare Books Room will have exhibitions from the other collections. Victorian children's literature and BC history are both continued focuses for the special collections. Discussion ensued about how Victorian children's literature became a focus.

Other Business

Action Item:

The members of the Committee were invited to respond to the call for Reappointment of the University Librarian for a 5-year term.

Action Item:

The Senate Office is to send the UBC Library Strategic Framework, UBC Library External Review Report and the UBC Library Response to External Review Report to the three new committee members.

Next Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 2:30-4:00 pm

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.