



SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 5, 2023 2:31-3:51 pm via Zoom

Attendees

Senators	J. Al Rahmani, F. Andrew, L. Burr (Vice-Chair), D. Dahl, M. Ho, R. Yada
Ex Officio	E. Kwakkel, S. Parker
Regrets	B. Bhandar, J. Cool, D. Chunping, A. Esteves, B. Gopaluni, C. Hendricks, X. T. Jiang, R. Ng, S. Razia, S. Singh
Senate Staff	J. Iverson

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:31 pm on 5 October 2023 by J. Iverson, Senate Staff.

Acknowledgement

Agenda *That the Senate Library Committee adopts the 5 October 2023 agenda.*

Carried by general consent.

Meeting Minutes *That the Senate Library Committee approves the 20 April 2023 meeting minutes.*

Carried by general consent.

Business Arising J. Iverson presented a tentative 2023-24 Committee meeting schedule. The Committee supported J. Iverson circulating a poll to determine a meeting time that works for the majority of members before confirming the schedule.

Introductions Attendees introduced themselves as Senators or Ex Officio members.

Committee Orientation J. Iverson provided a brief orientation, including the Committee’s composition, terms of reference and membership. J. Iverson explained what to expect in meeting packages and invited members to be in touch if there are specific topics for discussion.

S. Parker provided a brief orientation of library services and operations, including a basic overview of the library system and its nine facilities. S. Parker responded to questions regarding how donations are handled, how the Learning Exchange in the Downtown Eastside fits into the system, to what extent the Library’s operations (including hours) fall under the scope of the Committee,

and how the Library has been working with respect to Open Educational Resources (OERs). Members were again invited to submit specific topics for future discussions.

Elections

J. Iverson explained the role of the Chair. No nominations were received in advance of, or during, the meeting. The role remained vacant.

J. Iverson explained the role of the Vice-Chair. One nomination for L. Burr was received in advance of the meeting. L. Burr was acclaimed as elected.

University Librarian Update

S. Parker previewed the 2022/23 Senate Report that will be presented at the November Senate meeting.

S. Parker shared work the Library has done in alignment with the Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP) and the Inclusion Action Plan (IAP), including joining live reading sessions of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Calls to Action, working through the Indigenous Strategic Plan Self-Assessment Toolkit, and developing new hiring guidelines that incorporate equity, diversity and inclusion principles into hiring practices for M&P and CUPE employees.

S. Parker presented highlights from the 2022/23 fiscal year, organized according to the Library's Strategic Directions outlined in its Strategic Framework. Those directions include: Advance Research, Learning, and Scholarship; Engage with Communities; Create and Deliver Responsive Collections; E-Resource Usage; Inspire with Innovative Spaces and Services; Steward the Organization.

S. Parker addressed how the library is doing in terms of collection development and expenditures. For the 2022/23 fiscal year, the library spent 40% of its budget on collections. Collection development has stabilized over the past seven years after a shift from print to electronic resources in 2000-2015. S. In 2020/21, 92% of the collections budget was devoted to electronic resources in response to remote teaching and learning; in 2021/22, spending on print resources increased for the first time in years due to the Shakespeare First Folio acquisition; and in 2022/23, electronic resources accounted for a more typical 87% of the collections budget, which was in line with 2015-2020 spending.

S. Parker noted 84% of the Library's collections budget was for materials invoiced in US dollars, and due to the exchange rates, the Library lost 16% of its USD buying power. The Library works closely with Central Finance to mitigate loss of buying power. The Library also benefitted from additional financial support from the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, Dr. Gage Averill. S. Parker extended gratitude to the Office of the Provost and VP Academic.

S. Parker provided an overview of UBC's Canadian rankings in terms of enrolment (2nd), total collection costs (4th), total library expenses (12th) and collection costs per student (12th), based on data from the 2020/21 fiscal year from the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Additionally, UBC now ranks 29th (2020/21) across all ARL university libraries in Canada and the

U.S. (up from 38th in 2019/20 and 35th in 2018/19). Conversely, in Maclean's Magazine's 2023 ranking of Canada's Best Universities by Library, UBC ranked last out of 15 Medical Doctoral Universities in Canada, with only 2.6% of the University's budget devoted to library services.

S. Parker concluded by summarizing projects underway, including a search for the Deputy University Librarian on the Okanagan Campus; a multi-year project to transition to a new Library Management Platform (LMP); releasing a book that features the Phil Lind Klondike Gold Rush Collection; and continuing to align the Library's work with the ISP, the IAP, and the new Strategic Equity and Anti-Racism (StEAR) Framework.

S. Parker responded to questions regarding what the Library actually owns, comparisons of Library usage and login data, and fees for e-books.

Next Meeting November 2023 (TBC based on poll)

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.