



**SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 9, 2023 2:33-3:36 pm via Zoom

**Attendees**

**Senators** F. Andrew, E. Baniassad, L. Burr (Vice-Chair), J. Cool, C. Dai, A. Esteves, M. Ho (Chair), X. T. Jiang, S. Razia, S. Singh, R. Yada

**Ex Officio** S. Parker

**Guests** O. Hauck, C. Sylka

**Regrets** J. Al Rahmani, B. Bhandar, D. Dahl, B. Gopaluni, E. Kwakkel, R. Ng

**Senate Staff** J. Iverson

**Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement** The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:33 pm on 9 November 2023 by L. Burr, Vice-Chair. L. Burr gave a land acknowledgement.

**Agenda** *That the Senate Library Committee adopts the 9 November 2023 agenda.*

**Carried by general consent.**

**Meeting Minutes** *That the Senate Library Committee approves the 5 October 2023 meeting minutes.*

Moved: R. Yada  
Seconded: E. Baniassad  
**Carried.**

**Business Arising** J. Iverson confirmed the 2023-24 Committee meeting schedule based on a poll that was circulated following the October meeting.

**Election of Chair** One nomination for M. Ho was received in advance of the meeting. M. Ho was acclaimed as elected.

**University Librarian Update** S. Parker provided the monthly University Librarian update. Highlights included:

- S. Parker led the Association of Research Libraries Fall 2023 meeting in Washington, DC. She completes her year as ARL President in December.

- S. Parker is co-chairing the search committee for the Deputy University Librarian for the Okanagan Campus Library along with UBCO Provost Rehan Sadiq. Four finalists have been identified and will be interviewed.
- S. Parker is chairing the search committee for the Associate University Librarian, Teaching, Learning and Engagement. The search is internal. Candidates will be selected in the near future.
- One of three Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Scholars-in-Residence events was held in October. Dr. Sharanjit Kaur Sandhra led a panel discussion on the topic of “Archives as Past, Present, and Future.”
- The Library's annual United Way Spelling Bee was held in October. The winning team was We Count from the Department of Mathematics.
- S. Parker participated in an equity advisors learning group coordinated by the Equity & Inclusion Office. The goal is to build a community of people who can share their experiences and challenges working with EDI in staff and faculty situations.
- S. Parker had her annual budget conversation with the Provost. The Library continues to need support from the Provost to cover exchange rate and inflation expenses. A budget retreat is forthcoming.
- The Library’s Voyager catalogue (search tool) is 20 years old. The Library is drafting a replacement plan and working with UBC IT. A proposal for the Executive is expected in the new year, with hopes to acquire and implement a product in 2024. This is a large and costly project that broadly impacts the UBC community.
- S. Parker attended the quarterly Academic Research Computing Advisory Committee and received updates on that group.

**David Lam  
Management  
Research Library  
Team**

S. Parker welcomed the guests: Christina Sylka, Head of the David Lam Management Research Library (DLam) in the Sauder School of Business, and Olivia Hauck, Manager of the Canaccord Learning Commons (CLC).

C. Sylka detailed the beginning of DLam, starting with a \$1M endowment from David Lam in 1984. In 1993, the Senate Library Committee approved a proposal for DLam to become a UBC Library branch. It reopened as the David Lam Library and Canaccord Learning Commons in 2011, and is now a busy space (212,286 visits from September 2022 to April 2023).

O. Hauck explained the evolution of the CLC, starting with a \$1.5M donation from Canaccord Capital in 2007. In 2007, space was cleared at Sauder to make room for the Commons. Doors closed for renovations in 2010 and reopened in 2011. Later that year Wayne Deans donated \$2.2M. The Commons now has four professional staff, 30+ student staff, four peer programs, writing support programs, three specialized labs, and an online community.

C. Sylka said DLam and CLC is a joint venture between UBC Sauder and the UBC Library: positions are funded by both units; balance Sauder and Library needs; align with both units’ strategies. An environment of support translates to a supportive environment for library patrons. Student staff are subsidized by the

Work Learn Program, making the library one of the largest Work Learn employers on campus.

O. Hauck summarized DLam's and CLC's many partnerships. Collaborations include a program with the Centre for Writing and Scholarly Communication to provide in-house writing consultations for Sauder students, and working with the Robert H. Lee Graduate School to understand how they can better support graduate students. O. Hauck said these opportunities allow them to learn from/share with their partners.

C. Sylka explained their collections are funded by the UBC Library and Sauder. She presented FY 24 allocations to support business collections. She said they also work collaboratively to support research faculty who may need short term access to research resources.

C. Sylka described instruction and how DLam and CLC creates learning environments through collaboration, integration, and innovation. Examples include: a range of librarian instruction, Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS), Bloomberg certification integrated into Finance courses, presentations at orientation programming Bloomberg certification, and online learning tools.

O. Hauck addressed transformative student experiences at DLam and CLC. The library has programs and services to support Sauder students: co-curricular academic programming, communications development programming, writing coaching and graduate writing consultations, book/equipment lending, course reserves, research consultation, and much more.

O. Hauck spoke about their approach to outreach: engagement, connection, and collaboration. Initiatives include a CLC Canvas course and newsletter, community events, book displays, social media and library news, faculty publications, and exhibits.

C. Sylka presented statistics on print and equipment circulations, room bookings, instructional sessions, PASS visits, writing coaching sessions, and lab workshops.

C. Sylka and O. Hauck responded to questions from members regarding demand for physical copies of research journal, connections/partnerships with Faculty-specific libraries across UBC, DLam's presence at Robson Square, plans for future expansion, and database usage.

Members thanked the guests for an informative presentation.

**Next Meeting** Thursday 14 December 2023 2:30-4 pm

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.