SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday 15 October 2020 2:32-3:32 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees

Senators
Francis Andrew
Gage Averill
Janette Bulkan
Julia Burnham
Lawrence Burr
Colin Godwin
Alex Gonzalez
Maura MacPhee

Shigenori Matsui
Alex Scott
George Tsiakos

Ex Officio
Erik Kwakkel (Director, iSchool)
Susan Parker (University Librarian)

Regrets
Eshana Bhangu
Nick Pang
Pam Ratner (Associate Vice-President Academic)
Richard Topping

Senate Staff
Jessica Iverson

Call to Order
The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:32 p.m. on 15 October 2020 by J. Iverson, Academic Governance Officer.

Agenda
The Committee adopted the agenda as presented.

Introductions
All participants introduced themselves as Senators, ex-officio Committee members or as Senate staff.

Committee Orientation
J. Iverson reviewed the Committee’s composition, terms of reference and membership.

Elections
J. Iverson called for the close of nominations in the elections of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chair
The Committee did not elect a Chair.

Vice-Chair
George Tsiakos was acclaimed as elected to the role of Senate Library Committee Vice-Chair.

Presentations
L. Burr provided an overview of the Committee’s work from the past triennium. He noted the Committee’s primary mandate is to advise and support the University Librarian. The Committee reports to Senate as needed on matters of policy and functioning of the library, and makes recommendations to the Senate regarding the library’s management. Typically one report is made annually. L. Burr added the Committee also functions to bring library concerns directly to Faculties. Core among these concerns is the library’s budget. L. Burr
noted in past years the Committee has toured various libraries across the campus. These tours have been educational experiences for members.

S. Parker provided an overview of the library’s work. She began by noting that the libraries on the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses are related in several ways; notably, many share resources. S. Parker also noted the presence of the UBC Learning Exchange in the Downtown Eastside.

S. Parker previewed the University Librarian’s annual report to Senate with the Committee. Highlights included:

- A new Strategic Framework launched in 2019, with the following goals: advance research, learning and scholarship; engage with communities; create and deliver responsive collections; Inspire with innovative spaces and services; steward the organization.
- The shift from print to electronic resources has been helpful during COVID times but continues to pose budgetary implications as electronic resources are more expensive.
- Most of the library’s budget is spent on USD purchases, resulting in diminished buying power.
- Library expenditures remain relatively stable, with collections and salaries accounting for most of the budget.
- The library has pivoted in response to the pandemic. While most physical branches have been closed since March, the library is open and demand for library supports has increased. The library has expanded its programming, including new online offerings to support the challenges of remote teaching and learning. In September the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre began booking study space for students, faculty and staff, and the library is now adding access to single occupancy rooms.

In response to a question from J. Burnham regarding expanding the study space available and opening other physical branches, S. Parker said spaces are limited for now due to, in part, the significant amount of resources it requires to manage them. The library reviews its plan weekly.

**2020/2021 Meeting Schedule**

The Committee reviewed the 2020/2021 Meeting Schedule.

On a motion made and seconded by C. Godwin and G. Averill respectively, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020/2021 Meeting Schedule.

**16 April 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The Committee agreed by general consent to approve the 16 April 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 19 November 2020 2:30-4 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.