SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday 18 March 2021 2:32-3:40p.m. via Zoom

Attendees

Senators
Francis Andrew
Gage Averill
Janette Bulkan
Lawrence Burr (Vice-Chair)
Shigenori Matsui (Chair)

Regrets
Tarique Benbow
Eshana Bhangu
Colin Godwin
Maura MacPhee
Chalaya Moonias
Nick Pang
Alex Scott
Richard Topping
George Tsiakos

Senate Staff
Emma Clarke

Ex Officio
Pam Ratner
Erik Kwakkel
Susan Parker

Guests
Sheldon Armstrong

Call to Order
The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:32 p.m. on 18 February 2021 by Shigenori Matsui, Chair.

Agenda
THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopt the 18 February 2021 agenda as presented.

Approved by General Consent

Minutes
THAT THE Senate Library Committee approve the 21 January 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: L. Burr
Second: F. Andrew
Approved

University Librarian Update
As Presented by Susan Parker
Followed up on the letter presented at the previous meeting.
  o Outcome is that Dr. Resnik is going to write a summary with further opinions for his monthly newsletter.
  o Talked to Library Communications Officer about engagement with the emeritus college.

Presentation at the iSchool at UCLA on Library Budgets and Budgeting
Consortium Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL)
  o Work together on a number of initiatives
  o Renewal of the strategic plan for
o Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN) – development and preservation of print collection.

o Digital stewardship network – collaboration to provide preservation infrastructure and education for member libraries.

o Licensing of electronic resources: shared licensing and costs of resources.

Library Strategic Framework

o Redesign the Library’s internal committee structure

Questions

Is the Library contemplating any exciting acquisitions in the near future?

Library has an interest in the acquisition of Shakespeare’s First Folio

Available through Christies – last copy sold was sold for $11 Million

Budget for facilities, equipment, and security.

Library Budget and Collections Strategies

UBC Library Collections – Budget and Strategies

As Presented by Sheldon Armstrong, Associate University Librarian

Overview

Collections Budget (GPOF) at UBC Library (Vancouver & Okanagan)

How UBC Library collections budget ranks compared with other Canadian Schools

o 4th in total purchases compared with rank of 2nd in institutional enrollment

o Majority of Academic Publishers have pricing models that charge subscription costs based on institutional enrollment. We are purchasing more than a smaller school, a smaller school is paying for subscriptions at a lower pricing tier.

o Note that collections are one service that the library provides to the patron base.

o Rank 11th in library total expenditures per student.

Overview of PAEI

o Hedge rates and exchange rate

Collections strategies

o Overview of electronic resource usage

o Focus on bulk purchasing of electronic books since 2016

o Continue to purchase print books in areas where electronic version is not available or not feasible.

o Continue price negotiations with Serial Publishers and participation in Library Consortia

Questions & Discussion

Agreement between Elsevier and the University of California – what are the implications for UBC?

o There have already been preliminary conversations about this.

o Background

UCLA have a consortium – the California Digital Library.

UCLA said they wanted UC authored papers as open access and want to pay less.
The Deal
Restructuring of the library’s cost to read Elsevier articles. When a UC faculty member publishes to Elsevier, the library pays $1,000 in article processing charges (fee that the publisher receives).
The article is then open access immediately upon publication.

- How much for an APC: anywhere between $150 to $9,900 depending on the title/article, and an average of $2,000.
- Workday APC work tag - so that UBC has its own data to enter into negotiations rather than relying on the publisher providing the data.
- Expectation that researchers will use some of their grant money to pay for the APC.

When you buy an eBook it then held forever for indefinite usage?
- Yes – when UBC buys an eBook it grants perpetual access.
- Mixture of some things that are in a publisher’s back catalogue – can pick away at the most used from that. Generally is on the publisher’s website. A user is going to go to the publisher’s website – the publisher links between articles and other books.
- Perpetual clauses ensure that if something is removed from the publisher’s site, then the library is able to host the links in the library catalogue.
- Participate in LOCKSS – (Lots of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe)

A deep dive discussion around research/publishing/APC costs and the costs for researchers would be welcome.
- Library can help with research metrics.
- OpenAthens – can know from which faculties titles are being accessed.
- University in Holland has central platform that negotiates with Elsevier. National approach is productive.
  - Canadian Research Knowledge Network takes the lead in negotiations with ‘big four’ Elsevier, Wiley, Taylor & Francis, Springer.
- Cost for Elsevier is 2.7 – 3 million CAD range. If UBC were to pay an APC instead of a subscription cost it would be three times that.

Concern with system in terms of countries with less wealth to be able to buy into the subscription model as well as supporting authors on a national level.
Discussion about Mendeley and concerns with the future of the publishing system.
ResearchGate – how much concern that caused the publishers
Burden on institutions to support the current system is unsustainable.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 18 March 2021 2:30-4 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.