SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday 15 April 2021 2:30-4p.m via Zoom

Attendees

Senators
Francis Andrew
Janette Bulkan
Lawrence Burr (Vice-Chair)
Colin Godwin
Maura MacPhee
Shigenori Matsui (Chair)
Alex Scott
George Tsiakos

Regrets
Gage Averill
Tarique Benbow
Eshana Bhangu
Erik Kwakkel
Chalaya Moonias
Nick Pang
Pam Ratner
Richard Topping

Senate Staff
Emma Clarke

Ex Officio
Susan Parker

Guests
Sheldon Armstrong

Call to Order
The meeting of the Senate Library Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:31 p.m. on 15 April 2021 by Shigenori Matsui, Chair.

Agenda
THAT THE Senate Library Committee adopt the 15 April 2021 agenda as presented.

Approved by General Consent

Minutes
THAT THE Senate Library Committee approve the 18 March 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Approved
Moved: S. Matsui
Second: J. Bulkan

University Librarian Update
As Presented by Susan Parker

Fall Planning & Expectations
- Expectation is in-person classes.
- Libraries to be open
- Waiting for Provincial guidance
- Possible pause to direct access to physical book stacks
- Possible return to work and remote work
Questions & Comments

If social distancing requirements continue into September and October, we need to know the number of students who can come in and space allocation needs to be decided. What is the plan for that?

In order for the library to be able to moderate the number of people in the building the furniture has been removed and rearranged. The Province says right now there will not be a requirement for distancing in the fall, so the furniture will need to be put back. Masks will be the primary safety measure as well as limiting people in some spaces with signs to guide people. Generally speaking, we hope that we do not have to limit the number of people in the libraries, but we are totally prepared to do that if there's suddenly a requirement, but the expectation is that the province won't mandate that and so UBC won't mandate that either.

Supplying space for students in between classes and for those students who are taking online classes. Worry that there will be a huge demand for student spaces. There will need to be a differential between the kinds of activities in the library. Not enough space in the library – so preparations need to be made to make space available to students in the Fall in other areas of campus.
Possible study space in the Forestry building.
Work together across campus to create spaces for students, including students who might need a space to go in person to do an online class to participate.

2021/22 Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed the 2021-2022 meeting schedule as circulated.

Open Athens Implementation

Open Athens Implementation: As Presented by Sheldon Armstrong, Associate University Librarian

Overview

UBC Library Openathens - Authentication for Licensed Electronic Resources and the work the library is doing to plan for implementing the software.

What is OpenAthens:
  o Hosted software
  o Global federation of resource providers and libraries
  o Replaces IP ress-based auth
  o Replaces ezproxy software auth
  o BC FIPPA-Compliant

  User data is protected – only an opaque UBC id is utilized
Why OpenAthens:
  o Supports the libraries strategic framework – create and deliver responsive collections stewarding UBC library’s 13-14 million annual on electronic resources.
  o Improves compliance for Library-licensed electronic resources provides secure access for patrons with one login.
  o Eliminates the IT complexity associated with managing and updating hundreds of IP addresses and workflows every year.
  o Will provide greater detail into electronic resource usage that will assist in Collection Development activities.

Questions & Discussion

It’s FIPPA compliant, so we don’t send personal information to them? Is usage data, like browser history and access status collected?

No, the only thing that is shared is an opaque ID that isn’t associated with personal information.

The data is all anonymous.

On the Library’s end, we would be able to reattach some of the attributes to the ID to learn insights into user usage data. Example: Georgetown Medical Library utilizing the usage to help administration understand the value the library plays and to show how the collections are meeting needs and those where they’re not meeting needs in order to be able to advocate for more funding.

The sky is the limit with this type of information.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 16 September 2021 2:30-4 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned a 3:30pm.