



Senate Committee on Libraries

Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2015
3:00 4:30 pm
McLennan Conference Room, M1.07

Present:

Associate Provost Ghyslaine McClure
Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries
Ronald Gehr
David Ronis
Tara Mawhinney
Mary Laurenço
Evan Vassallo
Lawrence Angel
Ruojun Liu
Shaun Retallick

Regrets:

Andrea Bernasconi
Martin Chénier
Gillian Lane Mercier
Ram Jakhu
Ken Borris
Robert

- New positions that have been created include the following: Director of the Research Commons, Head of the Office of Copyright Compliance, Coordinator of Data Curation and Scholarly Communications, and two Data Reference librarians.
- The collection budget shrank dramatically with the recent devaluation of the \$CDN against the \$USD, however, the Provost and Vice Principal (Academic)'s office remains dedicated to maintaining the serial subscription rate in the Libraries.

Feasibility Study

- The cost of this study totaled \$380K, and is a portion of the first of a three phase building project process here in Quebec. The next portion of Phase 1 involves crafting a business plan.
- Phases 2 and 3, if the first phase is approved by MELS, will involve more highly detailed architectural plans. All phases will have to pass muster with the Quebec government in order to ensure plans are sustainable and that funds are managed efficiently.

5. Community Feedback on Libraries

- Where did the budget for the Feasibility Study come from, especially in this time of budget cuts?
 - The Friends of the Library kindly contributed \$80K, while the other \$300K was put together from various sources – from both McGill and philanthropic funds.
 - There is no way to know the cost of the remaining portion of Phase 1 (the business plan), as this will be combined with a larger business plan proposal for the Royal Victoria Hospital site.
- What about flooding issues that would undoubtedly arise with an underground storage facility on the campus green?
 - Engineers who are very

6. Other Business/Discussion

- Members of the Committee feel that the Royal Victoria site should be investigated more thoroughly as a potential storage space.
 - Opportunity should not be lost while plans for the RVH are still being considered
 - Can there be a second, smaller scale Feasibility Study done for the RVH?

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.