



McGill

Senate Committee on Libraries *Agenda*

Date: 3 December 2015

Time: 2:00 3:30pm

Place: McLennan M1.07

Attendance:
Lawrence Angel
Ken Borris
Bruna Ceccolini
Colleen Cook
Ron Gehr
Ram Jakhu
Gillian

Regrets:

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a replacement will be named by next semester)

1. Approval of the Agenda
Tour de Table
Agenda was approved.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 28 October 2015
No modifications. Minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from Meeting of 28 October 2015
Presentation of Annual Report 2014 2015 in Senate on 2 December

The Annual Report for the Committees activities was presented to Senate on December 2nd. Concerns were voiced by some committee members who were present at Senate that the abbreviated delivery by Chair Ghyslaine McClure was a missed opportunity to present the Libraries' agenda and make known information that might be of interest to Senate and the McGill community in general. It was noted that in order to keep the Senate agenda moving, reports from Committees that are of an informational nature are to be kept very brief. No questions were raised on its contents. A condensed version of the Report will be included in the Senate minutes, which are available to all.

4. Dean of Libraries Report, presented by C. Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries

FIAT LUX

- i. Many questions that people have about the Feasibility Study and the Fiat Lux building project can be found on FAQ section on the Fiat Lux website which is updated regularly.
- ii. The Study addresses the McGill Library system as a whole, though the brochure and publicity materials highlight changes to the

- iii. There has been an appeal to the Province for money, but this process will take years to be approved
- iv. Tara Mawhinney pointed out that this repair project was discussed at Senate on 18 November 2015 (see excerpt from Senate Minutes below), and based on this, Chair Ghyslaine McClure agreed that Robert Couvrette, Associate Vice Principal (Facilities Management and Ancillary Services) should be asked to the next meeting to answer further questions from the Committee.

“Referring to the report's paragraph on the repairs needed to the Macdonald Stewart Library building, which states that "the full restoration project must be initiated by 2017 if the building is to be retained," Senator Gore asked V.-P. Di Grappa if he could clarify what is meant by "if the building is to be retained." He answered that a major investment in the building is required, with various issues needing to be addressed in priority order. V.-P. Di Grappa noted that when a major intervention is required on a building, one of the available options is sometimes to not spend money there, and instead to relocate the people and to deal with the building later. But he added that in this particular case the