



Senate Committee on Libraries Minutes

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

1:00 –2: 00 PM

Marvin Duchow Library, Rm A-512, New Music Building

Present: Prof. Nathalie Cooke, (Chair); Dr. C. Colleen Cook; Prof. Gillian Lane-Mercier; Prof. Emily Carson; Prof. Kenneth Ragan; Prof. Guillermina Almazan; Ms Natalie Waters; Ms Sara Holder; Ms Elizabeth Gibson; Ms Kira Gossack-Keenan; Ms Cora-Lee Conway

Prof. Andrea Bernasconi; Prof. Martin Chénier; Prof. H. Patrick Glenn; Prof. Nigel Roulet; Ms. Isabel Vivas; Prof. Andrea Bernasconi

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Kenneth Ragan and seconded by Guillermina Almazan.

2. Introduction from the Chair

The Chair noted that the committee was meeting at the Marvin Duchow Music Library for the first time, and that they would circulate through various libraries on campus as a way for committee members to see and experience different library spaces

3. Minutes of the Meeting of October 22, 2012

The minutes were approved by Kenneth Ragan and seconded by Sara Holder.

4. Dean of Libraries Report

Presenters: C. Colleen Cook

Colleen Cook began by noting that while they are yet unsure of how badly the impending provincial budget cuts will affect the libraries, she is sure they will certainly be affected. One concern is the continual price inflation of serials. Subscription costs rise about 5-7% annually, and about 500K of the library's annual budget is dedicated to paying these costs. Kenneth Ragan asked if there were some journals that are worse than others, and Colleen Cook said that while the rising costs are across the board, some publishers, including STEM, American Chemical Society and Elsevier were among the worst.

She then brought up the issue of lack of space in the McGill libraries for books or students and that as of yet, they have no plan for addressing these issues. This is a top priority for the libraries in the coming year, as

