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## Senate Committee on Libraries Minutes

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Wednesday, December 14, 2011  
3:30-5:00

Rare Book Room (McLennan Library)

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Present: Prof. Nathalie Cook (Chair); Prof. Emily Carson; Prof. Martin Chénier; Dr. Colleen Cook; Prof. Reghan Hill; Mr. Yonatan Lipsitz; Mr. Brian McMillan; Ms. Gwendolyn Owens; Ms. Natalie Waters; Ms. Joyce Whiting

Regrets: Mr. Tom Acker; Prof. Joan Bartlett; Prof. Andrea Bernasconi; Mr. Adam Bouchard; Professor H. Patrick Glenn; Prof. Gillian Lane

plans: one for managing the disruption when the striking employees return and the second a plan for managing services if the strike continues beyond into 2012.

Library senior colleagues meet every morning to plan out strategies for service; meetings are held with area librarians once a week. An email goes out every day with administrative information. All of this has worked because of the great team in the Library; students have expressed their appreciation. Everyone realizes, however, that it is not business as usual and students miss being able to use the smaller libraries.

The Library held a retreat at the Gault Nature Reserve to discuss plans for the future. The emphasis going forward is on collection stewardship and it is recognized that the Library has a great need for space. There is a need for creating a single service point, all questions answered—and this is goal. Looking at the Library from the user perspective is seen as key. The Library is also looking at options on how to create a green library that uses fewer resources.

It was noted that the Library now spends \$10 million a year on electronic resources.

To make connecting to the Library from outside the physical Library buildings easier, E has replaced the old ProQuest, a (c)6 (e)5 (c)54 (i) (i) (e) 10 (b) (c) 10 (g) (a) -10(f)-3 (t) to a vast number of resources, which will allow the McGill Library to have access to all of ProQuest's resources, not just a selected group as in the p

McGill has also joined the HathiTrust, a partnership of more than 60 major research libraries (including the University of Michigan, Indiana University, and Columbia University). This gives McGill Library 4-11(u)2(s)10(e)-3(rs)]TJ 0 Tc 0 Tw 7.989 0 Td ( )Tj -0.001 Tc -0.008 Tw 0.228 0 Td [(a) between the buildings and will later also include a renovation of

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Large folio (713 x 510 mm), pp [ii] 16, with engraved anatomical plate on verso of last text leaf and 6 mezzotint engraved plate.

Large-paper copy of the first German edition (first London 1757) of the rarest obstetrical atlas, and one of the most beautiful. The work is distinguished by 6 outstanding life-size mezzotint plates by Jan van Rymsdyk, the illustrator.

Dr. Cook also distributed the latest brochures from the Library and a copy of the 2010 strategic goals which were included in the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Libraries. A copy of these goals is included as an appendix to these minutes.

#### 5. Discussion of community feedback on Libraries

The Committee discussed the challenge of making the McGill community aware of all the library resources which are available to them. The Library is constantly trying to find the right channels to convey information. Brian McMillan noted that Music has a graduate course on research which he teaches and that he works closely with the professors in the School.

The Committee agreed that there is a need for an undergraduate course in research methods and that it is particularly difficult to reach students who are in the humanities; no course however, can be imposed on students. In Engineering, it was noted that for graduate school, research is one of the attributes required for acceptance into a graduate program. For entering

Appendix: 2010-2011 Library Strategic Goals

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