
Senate Committee on Libraries

Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
2:00-3:30 pm
McLennan Conference Room, M1.07

Present:

Guillermina Almazan (Pharmacology & Therapeutics)
Andréa Bernasconi (Life Sciences Library)
Adam Bouchard (PGSS rep)
C. Colleen Cook (Trenholme Dean of Libraries)
Bruna Ceccolini (Assistant to the Dean)
Elizabeth Gibson (HSSL Library)
Christopher Lyons (Osler Library)
Ghyslaine McClure (Chair)
Erin Minnett (Secretary)
Anais Salamon (Islamic Studies Library)
Kenneth Boris (Arts)
David Ronis (Chemistry)
Rhunah Soriano (Continuing Studies student rep)

Regrets:

Martin Chénier (Mac Campus)
Nigel Roulet (Schulich Library)
Gwynth Epstein (Undergrad rep from Music)
Gillian Lane-Mercier (Arts)
Thisanya Nathan (Mac Campus Student rep)
Kira Gossack-Keenan (SSMU rep)
Ram Jakhu (Law)

4. Business arising from meeting of 23 January, 2014

Analysis of University regulations by Associate Provosts Lydia White and Ghyslaine McClure to check for language and/or restrictions that may create bias against open-access journals in tenure committees:

No explicit mention in the policies was found; this is just a question of practice and 'culture' at the Unit and Faculty levels, in the Promotion and Tenure Committees

The Libraries need to gather data from each Faculty/discipline about turnaround time for students' and faculty members' needs: how long are people willing to wait for a book to be retrieved? This would have a big impact on the type of storage facility that would work best.

These ideas need to be communicated to Senate: 1) the need for open-access at McGill; 2) the need for proper and convenient storage facilities; 3) the need to keep and properly preserve certain print material; 4) the need to create library space that fulfills the current needs of all users. The over-arching theme in all these ideas emphasizes convenience for the user.

The Feasibility Study is going to tender in the next few weeks and will hopefully be finished up in the early fall.

5. Community Discussion

Principal Suzanne Fortier should be asked her perspective on open-access, with regards to funding agencies, given her former role as President of NSERC

The SCL will invite her to the first meeting of academic year 2014-2015, and if she is able to attend, perhaps she can speak to this.

All McGill students and staff received the email regarding the temporary closure of the Osler Library from April 2014-October 2014 due to construction. This was because there are many users outside the faculty of Medicine that will be affected, and in order to reach as many users as possible, this email was broadly circulated.

It was noted that the new entrance from the Redpath building to the Redpath basement area