



Date : 18 April 2023
To: Senate
From : Senate Committee on Libraries
RE: 2022/2023 Annual Report

The Senate Committee on Libraries (SCL) has met seven times during 2022- 2023:

29th September 2022
20th October 2022
22nd November 2022
15th December 2022
25th January 2023
23rd February 2023
22nd March 2023

The committee is also due to meet on April 19th and May 24th, 2023.

In submitting this report, the Chair acknowledges with gratitude the support of Acting University Librarian Lisa Goddard (Fall) and University Librarian Jonathan Bengtson (Spring), secretaries Kaelan Smith and Jennifer Wells (December 2022), and the members of the Committee.

What following describes items that came before the SCL over the course of this academic year.

1) Review of Terms of Reference

Early in the year, the SCL reviewed its Terms of Reference (ToR). Because the SCL ToR have not been updated since 2016, the committee discussed potential changes, though these centred on minor clarifications. The Associate University Secretary advised that all language in our ToR is currently in line with other Committees of Senate, and ultimately no changes were needed. This review was, nonetheless, useful and culminated in consideration (led by Ry Moran) of what changes might be necessary in such documents to bring the University into alignment with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

2) Mearns -McPherson Lobby Renovation

5) Textbooks, e- Books, and Open Access

At the beginning of the academic year, the Chair was informed that a proposal was before to the Committee on Agenda and Governance to establish stats on the cost of textbooks and to consider

popular with the rise of ChatGPT and AI tools). The DSC is close to capacity in terms of instructors needed to lead these workshops, but a growing percentage of workshops are now being taught in class by professors using the DSC curriculum. Other DSC Workshops that are popular with students are: 3D Design and Printing, Introduction to Data: Visualization with Tableau, Augmented Reality and 360 Tours, Qualitative Analysis with NVivo, Data Visualization and Mapping, Electronics. All DSC workshops and curriculum are publicly available on the website, and are contributed to the BC Campus Digital Literacy, Knowledge and Skills portal. The DSC also offers Knowledge Mobilization training and support, as well as training in RStudio, Excel,

Since 2018, the strategic directions of the Libraries has been Open, Engaged, Enduring. The time is approaching for considering what do next. Many things have changed over the past five years — COVID, budget cuts, AI, etc. — and how does the Libraries' want to move forward in this new phase? Every seven years there is a mandated external review of the Libraries: the next one will fall in 2025. Libraries will use the next 18 months to consult with students and faculty, and identify key strategic goals to meet prior to the review. In anticipation of an external review, the Libraries will also undergo a self-study and then move onto a more robust and longer-term planning process after the external review. The University will be publishing their strategic framework and principles in April, which the Libraries can use as a reference. SCL will be a sounding board to build a two-year plan leading up to an external review before a heavy planning process of a new strategic plan.

8) Reconciliation and Indi genization

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