



**MEMORANDUM**

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**ATTENTION** Members of Senate

**DATE** November 10, 2020

**FROM** Dugan O'Neil  
Vice-President, Research & International pro tem

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Dugan O'Neil".

**RE:** Senate Library Committee Annual Report

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Please find enclosed the annual report for the Senate Library Committee.

## **Senate Library Committee**

### **MEETINGS**

The Senate Library Committee met 3 times during 2019/20:

- October 7, 2019
- March 2, 2020
- June 22, 2020

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **October 7, 2019**

- The Library's Instruction plan was reviewed by the committee. This strategic document was envisioned for external use by librarians and others when they meet with faculty. The plan presents the Library's teaching philosophy and outlines educational goals. The committee provided input into the plan.
- Three task groups were formed to revise the Library's Collections Policy (Collections Policy, eBook Policy, and Deselection Policy). The current policy was revised 13 years ago and there have been significant changes to the role of academic libraries and at SFU.
- The Bennett Library's Media and Maker Commons was officially launched on January 9, 2020. At this meeting, the committee was given a preview of the area which contained 3D printers, laser cutter, 3D scanners, soldering equipment, an antique letterpress, video studio, a VR studio, embroidery machine, and various hand tools.

#### **March 2, 2020**

- Discussion of renovation projects in the Library. The Capital Planning Steering Committee has funded creation of a dedicated Research Commons at Harbour Centre. Planning is also underway for the Book Arts studio at Bennett Library.
- The draft report for Senate reviewing SFU's Open Access Policy was discussed by the committee. It was noted that deposits to Summit have increased steadily since the OA Policy was implemented in 2017, as has use of the central Open Access Fund.
- An update was provided on the work the Library has been doing to support Open Educational Resources (OER), including initiating and implementing the OER Grants program in collaboration with Center for Educational Excellence (CEE). This program has saved SFU students more than \$1.2million in textbook costs in its first three years of operation. The committee discussed quality control in OER, and the lack of recognition for faculty work in OER as part of the tenure and promotion process. The Dean of Libraries will follow up with the AVP Learning & Teaching to continue promoting use of OER at SFU.

## **June 22, 2020**

- The committee was briefed on library operations since library buildings were closed in mid-March with the shift to remote instruction and work at home arrangements. Plans for services in the fall semester were reviewed. The committee provided feedback on prioritization of services, and how the Library has been doing.
- The committee learned that the University Executive approved the proposal for a phased renovation and renewal of Bennett Library. Sources of funding were discussed.
- The committee supported the collections budget for 2020/21. Discussion of departmental allocations in the budget, in light of changing patterns in publishing and a substantial increase in spending on electronic resources in light of remote teaching and learning.
- Suggestions were given about how to conduct meaningful consultation on the draft Collections policies, given the current remote working conditions.

### **Senate Library Committee Membership, 2019/20**

Gwen Bird, Dean of Libraries/University Librarian

David Burley, Environment

Anthony Chan, Business (*through May 31, 2020*)

Glenn Chapman, Senator at Large

Jeff Derksen, Graduate Studies

Ashley Edwards, Library Staff Representative (*through May 31, 2020*)

Elizabeth Elle, VP Academic Representative

Michael Everton, Faculty of Art and Social Sciences (*effective June 1, 2020*)

Reza Davallo Ghajar, Library Staff Representative (*effective June 1, 2020*)

Natalie Gick, Associate Dean of Libraries

Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research and International (Chair)

Christine Kim, Faculty of Art and Social Sciences (*through May 31, 2020*)

Daniel Laitsch, Senator at Large

Daniel Leznoff, Senator at Large (*effective June 1, 2020*)

John Maxwell, Communication, Art & Technology

Kimberly O'Donnell, Graduate Representative

Abhishek Parmar, Undergraduate Representative

Geoffrey Poitras, Senator at Large/Business

Deanna Reder, Acting Dean of Libraries (*through Dec.31, 2019*)

Ozlem Sensoy, Education

Judy Smith, Continuing Studies

Susie Smith, Recording Secretary

Ljiljana Trajkovic, Applied Science

Vance Williams, Science

Jennifer Zerkee, Librarian Representative

# Senate library Committee/Library Penalties Appeal Committee (SLC/LPAC)

## Annual Report for September 2019 – August 2020

There was 1 appeal sent to the Library Penalties Appeal Committee (SLC/LPAC) for the previous year. Due, in part, to COVID-19 restrictions, the committee did not meet. The patron's fine was placed in dispute and they currently have access to the library, but final outcome is not yet resolved.

## Other Business

There were 2 new individuals elected by acclamation to the both the Senate Library and Library Penalties and Appeals Committee:

1. One **Senator** to a dual position on the Senate Library Committee (SLC) and Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC), **Daniel Leznoff** has been elected by acclamation for term of office to May 31, 2021.
2. One **Undergraduate Student (Alternate)** to a dual position on the Senate Library Committee (SLC) and Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC), **Pooria Arab** has been elected by acclamation for term of office to May 31, 2022.

## LPAC Membership 2019/2020

Open, Senator at Large (Chair)

Daniel Laitsch, Senator at Large

Danny Leznoff, Senator at Large (*effective June 1, 2020*)

Geoffrey Poitras, Senator at Large (*June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020*)

Abhishek Parmar, Undergraduate Rep

Pooria Arab, Undergraduate Rep (Alternate) (*effective June 1, 2020*)

Hassan Khattak, Undergraduate Rep (*through May 31, 2020*)

Kimberly O'Donnell, Graduate Rep

Mark Christensen, Ex-Officio, Secretary (non-voting)