

Library Council Special Meeting

October 21, 2013

9 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Lord Dalhousie Room

Henry Hicks Building

Present: Linda Aiken, Ann Barrett, Creighton Barrett, Linda Bedwell, Donna Bourne-Tyson, James Boxall, Ian Colford, Marc Comeau, Sandy Dwyer, Patrick Ellis, Allison Fulford, Melissa Helwig, Mark Lewis, Heather MacFadyen, Marlo MacKay, Oriel MacLennan, Elaine MacInnis, Joyline Makani, Anne Matthewman, Shelley McKibbon, Lindsay McNiff, David Michels, Michael Moosberger, Gwyn Pace, Michelle Paon, Robin Parker, Janice Slauenwhite, Karen Smith, Sarah Stevenson

Regrets: Jennifer Adams, Geoff Brown, Jason MacDonald, Gwendolyn MacNairn, Phyllis Ross, Margaret Vail

Absent: Sarah Jane Dooley, Dominic Silvio

Agenda

1. Meeting with Dr. Florizone

Minutes

After introductions Dr. Florizone commented on the 100 Days of Listening and asked for Library Council Members to use the opportunity to provide feedback to him on any of the 10 questions or other areas of concern. He noted that the universities were being asked to do more with less and that recent cuts in funding have been difficult to absorb. He is hopeful that the trend of cuts to the budgets may begin to reverse but we need to continue to generate ideas for new initiatives including cooperative ventures with other institutions. Individual members spoke to a variety of issues/concerns including: the plans for the new physical spaces of the Health Sciences Library; expectations of tangential community groups ie regional health professionals for access to library resources; the changing roles of the libraries eg capturing and storing faculty research data; the strains on current physical space and services in the libraries, the role of the libraries in working with the students and the needs of the students, in particular graduate students, which are not being met with shrinking budgets. Dr. Florizone encouraged members to provide further feedback and comments to him through the 100 Days program or at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwyn Pace

Secretary, Library Council