Web Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

June 24, 2021

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1.1. There is hereby established and constituted an operational committee to be known as the Web Advisory Committee, to exercise the duties and powers and to perform the functions hereafter described:
- 1.2. The Committee shall be composed of the following membership:
 - 1.2.1. Associate Dean Resources & Discovery (ex-officio)
 - 1.2.2. ATS Director (ex-officio)
 - 1.2.3. ATS Systems Developer
 - 1.2.4. Web Publisher
 - 1.2.5. Assistant Web Publisher
 - 1.2.6. Communications Coordinator
 - 1.2.7. Representative from each library
 - 1.2.8. Additional individuals taking responsibility for specific content areas of the website, as needed.
- 1.3. The Associate Dean Resources & Discovery (ex-officio), ATS Director (ex-officio), ATS Systems Developer, Web Publisher and Communications Coordinator are all permanent members of the committee by virtue of their positions.
- 1.4. All other members will serve for two (2) year renewable terms.
- 1.5. The Chair will be elected from committee members for a two (2) year renewable term.
- 1.6. Method of appointment:
 - 1.6.1. The Chair will be elected from among the committee members.
 - 1.6.2. The Web Publisher will be invited by the Associate Dean Resources & Discovery.
 - 1.6.3. The Assistant Web Publisher will be chosen from among the committee members.
 - 1.6.4. Library representatives will be determined by their library, forwarded to the Chair and ratified by the committee.
 - 1.6.5. Library representatives may choose to take responsibility for a content area of the website.
 - 1.6.6. Additional members to address content areas of the website will be determined by their AD or Head, forwarded to the Chair and ratified by the committee.
- 1.7. When a member is unable to fulfill their term, they shall notify the Chair of their resignation. The Chair will invite the affected library or department to recommend another candidate.

- 1.8. The Committee will review their Terms of Reference every two (2) years, and will submit any revisions or additions to Library Council.
- 1.9. The Committee will provide an Annual Report to Library Council.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1. The Web Advisory Committee is mandated to oversee, manage and maintain the Dalhousie Libraries' AEM website.
- 2.2. Primary Objectives:
 - 2.2.1. Design and deliver Dalhousie Library resources and services through our 'virtual branch'.
 - 2.2.2. Collaborate with the Campus Web Team to maintain current web standards, styles, protocols, etc. and build links to high level university content.
 - 2.2.3. Conduct usability testing and adjust the website accordingly.
 - 2.2.4. Address feedback from the community, responding in an appropriate manner.
 - 2.2.5. Establish and communicate local web strategy to staff and stakeholders.

3. MEETINGS

- 3.1. The Committee will meet as required. The Committee will determine dates and times of the committee meetings.
- 3.2. The Chair may call a special meeting at any time or by request of a majority of the Committee.
- 3.3. The Chair shall appoint a secretary to keep minutes of the meetings of the Committee.

4. **DOCUMENTATION**

- 4.1. The Committee will retain meeting agendas, minutes, and other documentation and make these available to Library Council.
- 4.2. The Committee Chair will be responsible for retaining records in compliance with any university records retention requirements.