

Library Council Meeting
Killam Library Room 2616
14 October 2014
10:00am-11:20am

Present: Dominic Silvio (Chair), Sarah Stevenson (Secretary), Jennifer Adams, Ann Barrett, Donna Bourne-Tyson, James Boxall, Geoffrey Brown, Sai Choi Chua, Ian Colford, Sandra Dwyer, Patrick Ellis, Gail Fraser, Allison Fulford, Melissa Helwig, Mark Lewis, Heather MacFadyen, Elaine MacInnis, Marlo MacKay, Oriel MacLennan, Gwendolyn MacNairn, Erin MacPherson, Joyline Makani, Anne Matthewman, Lindsay McNiff, David Michels, Michelle Paon, Robin Parker, Janice Slauenwhite, Karen Smith, Alice Stover, Carol Richardson (recording secretary)

Regrets: Linda Aiken, Creighton Barrett, Linda Bedwell (sabbatical), Karen Chandler, Marc Comeau, Jason MacDonald, Michael Moosberger

Absent: Sarah Jane Dooley, Shelley McKibbon, Phil O'Hara, Phyllis Ross, Margaret Vail

Dominic Silvio welcomed everyone to the 2nd meeting of the year of Library Council. Dominic gave a warm welcome to our newest members of Library Council: Gail Fraser, Alice Stover, Sai Choi Chua, Karen Chandler, Jason MacDonald and Erin MacPherson.

Dominic asked that members raise their hand before speaking out of respect for other members of Council.

1. Adoption of the Agenda – the Agenda was adopted with the following additions:

5.3.1 New position

5.5 AULs reports – Michael Moosberger - No report

2. Approval of the Minutes of 9 September 2014:

Approved as circulated by consensus.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Annual Reports (circulated)

3.1.1 Communications Team - Accepted

3.1.2 Digital Scholarship Initiatives - Accepted

3.1.3 Information Literacy - Accepted

3.1.4 Librarians Senator – Accepted

In response to questions, Oriel MacLennan confirmed that both the Bachelor Degree in Medical Sciences and a PhD program in Epidemiology and Applied Health Research from the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology in the Faculty of Medicine were approved by Senate.

3.1.5 Web Committee – Accepted

Question: Why did the user stats drop on the libraries main webpage? It was thought the launch of the mobile site is the reasoning but that is just a guess. Some diversion of traffic may have been direct entries from the Libraries' my.Dal page. Sarah has requested the usage data from my.Dal, but has yet to receive that information.

4. New Business/Presentations

4.1 Library Instruction Initiative (Lindsay McNiff)

Lindsay McNiff reported the Learning and Curriculum Support Team will be starting a new initiative called the IL Conversations Circle. This will be similar to a book club. The Circles will have rotating chairs, with the next session chair determined at the end of each gathering. The sessions are open to all instructors and are planned for approximately every 3 weeks on Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm in the University Club Pub. Discussion materials (Articles, videos etc) will be circulated with Outlook invitations prior to each session. Individuals may request to be removed from the invitation list. These sessions will continue as long as there are participants.

Discussion: There was discussion of the day and time for these sessions. It was concluded that the first Conversation Circle will take place on a Thursday from 3-4pm to start and times can be adjusted as needed.

5. AULs reports

5.1 Patrick Ellis

Patrick Ellis reported he is working on various reports for the budget. The numbers do not always line up this time of year but he will have a better idea by the half-way point. The Scholars Resources Group (Joe Wickens, Phyllis Ross, Verna Mingo, Anne Matthewman, Patrick Ellis, Heather MacFadyen) are working on a number of projects, including clarification of manager responsibilities and who to contact when something is not working. Patrick is preparing an announcement for Faculty about future budget cuts. He is also reviewing our Indigenous collections. The team is also working on usage reports for resources. Patrick thanked everyone for their support for the Resources team.

5.2 Allison Fulford

Allison Fulford reported the Novanet Primo Implementation Group (PIG) has been meeting every Wednesday. The ad hoc groups have not started yet. Dalhousie representatives on the ad hoc groups are: Gwendolyn MacNairn –Training; Geoff Brown & Allison Fulford - Central Index; Joe Wickens - Course Reserves/Document Delivery; Jan Pelley - Patron Services; Ian Colford – Marketing & Launch; Margaret Vail - User Interface. The Implementation will begin in the month of December. Allison announced Primo will most likely be branded as Novanet. The search box on the homepage will remain. The training group is meeting for the first time this week, with training anticipated to begin in December.

5.3 Elaine MacInnis

Killam Library:

Elaine MacInnis announced that Jason MacDonald is on medical leave for six weeks. Elaine and Donna Bourne-Tyson will be handling any copyright issues that arise. Elaine noted they are looking for a new person to fill the role of copyright liaison. Interested persons should contact Donna or Elaine.

Elaine reported that all Libraries are now using LibAnalytics to some degree. Consultations are taking place on the forms and what modifications may be needed. Elaine thanked the LibAnalytics team for the work they did on this initiative.

Elaine reported there are monthly meetings with Subject Specialists. The group are discussing the Killam EAF (Electronic Access Fund) titles and making plans for long term planning. Elaine announced she is in discussions with FASS faculty on the libraries resources budget. Elaine and the FASS Subject Specialists will be attending a meeting of the FASS Library Advisory Committee tomorrow (October 15).

Elaine thanked Jennifer Strang, Gwendolyn MacNairn and Marlo MacKay for updating the new floor plans and directories. Elaine also noted that the elevator renovation project is currently ahead of schedule.

MacRae Library:

The Seed Library is collecting harvested seeds from the loans in the spring. Jolene Reid will be going to the Farmer's Market to collect 'returns'. The Agricultural campus Homecoming is this coming Friday & Saturday (October 17 & 18) and the library will be hosting a breakfast in the library on Saturday morning.

The Library Advisory Committee for the MacRae has been dissolved at the point of the merger with Dal Libraries. This group is being reconstituted this semester.

AUL Access:

Elaine reported there will be a Dalhousie Libraries Service Point Committee meeting in a couple of weeks. The Committee is focussed on eReserves and succession training. Representatives from each library are working on Policies and Procedures.

Elaine announced Lindsay will be overseeing the migration of our LibGuides to LibGuides 2.0. Sarah Stevenson, Gwendolyn MacNairn and Denyse Rodrigues are organizing a Novanet-wide "SpringShare Show and Tell Day", to be held at the Killam in mid-December.

5.3.1 - New Library position

Elaine reported that based on an identified need, the new librarian position has been revised to include data responsibilities, and exclude copyright responsibilities. Gwendolyn had taken on the role of DLI with the help of Sai Choi Chua but it has become much bigger than anticipated. Elaine requested that comments on the new position description be sent to her by noon Thursday (October 16). Council will vote electronically after the final revisions are made.

Discussion: It was suggested that the science degree be moved to requirements from assets in the job description. It was noted it may be difficult to find a candidate who fills both the science and data requirements. It was also suggested the job description could say "or equivalent science experience" rather than just a science degree. It was suggested to change the job title to include the word science, to emphasize that subject liaison role. Donna indicated that restricting the title in that way does not serve the libraries well as the individual may not always serve in a liaison capacity. Internal applications are welcome, with no change in rank. Interested internal candidates were asked to contact Elaine or Donna.

5.4 Anne Matthewman

AUL responsibilities:

Anne Matthewman reported she attends Academic Deans Associated Council meetings twice a month. The Senate Learning and Teaching Committee were looking at the timetable to introduce a Fall break. They are still discussing the amount of time for the break (days/week). They are also looking at five options for the winter break. The first presentation was last week.

Anne reported there is a committee looking at the 25 Strategic Priorities from the Dalhousie Strategic Direction 2014-2018. A number of them have already been assigned. 10 Strategic Priorities have been identified to be looked at first and then the rest will follow. Anne noted these were not in priority order. Anne has spoken to Fiona Black about Libraries' input.

Retention of first year students: A consulting company has been hired to do a number of consultations on student retention. Dalhousie has the one of the poorest first year retention rates in the U-15. The consultants will be working with IT, faculty, Student Services and the Libraries as part of their investigations. Melissa Helwig had been part of an earlier retention committee with Student Services. There are no details available yet about the number of students who did not return this year.

Anne reported the Learning and Instruction Team and the Literacy Committee will be meeting with Gabrielle Brydges as a focus group for her reading course on the Dalhousie LibGuides. Anne has been attending the E-learning group meetings as a rep. Anne commended Jennifer Adams, Melissa Helwig and Lindsay McNiff for taking the IL Conversations from a comment to implementation.

Dunn Library:

The librarians are busy with teaching the first year legal research course. David Michels is also involved with a research seminar for the graduate students. The 4th floor at the Dunn Library has significant space & storage issues. There are boxes of books awaiting storage space that is not yet available. The floor is currently closed to the public. David Michaels and Anne will be meeting Wednesday October 15 to discuss the frustration with the lack of student study space as well as the health and wellness issues that have resulted in the closure to the public.

5.5 Michael Moosberger

AUL Research – no report. Michael sent his regrets.

6. University Librarians Report

Donna Bourne-Tyson reported she has been spending a fair amount of time working with the boards for the various consortia of which Dalhousie is a member – CARL, CRKN, CAUL, and Novanet; libraries still receive excellent value from these consortia, and they don't run themselves. Dalhousie has made great contributions to CRKN through Elaine's extensive involvement on the Content Strategy Committee, as well as committee participation in the past from Geoff Brown and Ian Colford, and Linda Bedwell's valuable contributions to CARL as LibQUAL Coordinator. The Dal Libraries are active on many Novanet and CAUL committees, but there's scope for more participation, if anyone is interested. Donna encouraged everyone to consider ways to get more involved.

CARL

Donna reported the CARL ARC project continues to progress on schedule and is about to roll out content. An online Research Data Management Planning (RDMP) tool, designed by the University of Alberta, will be available to all, as well as a suite of policies and best practices, and associated services available through the new national network, tentatively titled Portage -- "supporting Canadian innovation through shared expertise and stewardship of research data". See more at: <http://data-carl-abrc.ca/>

The working group exploring more sustainable publishing models, led by Larry Alford at University of Toronto and Leslie Weir at University of Ottawa, is working with the Canadian Association of Learned

Journals and other academic publishers. The model may resemble what was done through CRKN with SCOAP3, Canadiana.org and is proposed for Erudit.

There is a members' meeting coming up the first week of November in Quebec City; the focus of the programming will be scholarly communications, research data management and open access.

CKRN

The AGM was held in Calgary in early October and there was record attendance overall, but less attendance from Atlantic Canada than most years. Highlights included a discussion of the proposed new cost-sharing bands (13 in all, well received by those in attendance), a discussion of the External Review recommendations, several sessions on negotiation strategies and priority setting for licensing options. The winner of the Ron MacDonald Award was Carole Moore, one of the founders of the Canadian National Site License Program. See slides from the AGM presentations including the proposed bands at: <http://crkn.ca/communications/events/2014-agm-calgary-alberta>

Donna is pleased to be ending her term as the CAUL rep and Vice-Chair with a very competent Executive Director at the helm, more transparency and two-way communication with members regarding negotiating and planning, a new model license almost ready for release, and interesting projects being considered under the Integrated Digital Scholarship Ecosystem umbrella. Challenging times are coming for all consortia, as we try to work collectively to reduce unsustainable annual price increases, unbundle some of the big deals, and explore alternative publishing models which better support Open Access.

DLI

The working group considering alternatives to Equinox, including Choi, has filed their report which the DLI External Advisory Committee will be reviewing tomorrow in Ottawa as part of a two-day meeting. Donna is serving as the CAUL DLI representative currently, and the designated University Librarian member of the board.

Retention Consultations

As Anne Matthewman mentioned, there are consultations going on regarding retention at Dalhousie and there are several of us attending various sessions for this. There is opportunity to make more use of our LMS to develop student success analytics which can contribute to retention, and our Assessment in Action initiative will also provide useful information.

Learning Management System Review

There is a review underway of our LMS and what is available as an alternative – we're working with six Nova Scotian universities and a tender was issued. The initiative is led by CLT, ITS and the Dal Libraries. Donna is on the Steering Committee and Marc Comeau is chairing the Technical Committee.

7. Community updates not covered elsewhere in agenda

Geoff Brown announced next week is Open Access Week. Marlo MacKay will be doing a number of blog posts about the event. Geoff is on a panel with Julia Wright and Jonathan Crago to represent the library side.

Marlo MacKay announced two events: The panel discussion on Open Access publishing Thursday, October 23 from 4:00pm–5:30pm, Room 224, Student Union Building; and the Skype chat with the director of Open Journals at MIT on Friday in Room 2616 of the Killam Library at 1:00pm.

Gwendolyn MacNairn reported Equinox is in the winding down phase and the replacement is SDA@CHASS from the University of Toronto. The license to start using SDA@CHASS will be in place by the end of October. Gwendolyn asked staff to promote the replacement.

There is a Fall Open House at the Sexton Library on October 17, 2014. Drop in for a meet & greet.

Michelle Paon reported on August 19, the Learning Commons providers gave presentations and updated staff on what new services they will be providing in their areas for the Fall. There were 20 staff in attendance and 7 providers giving updates. A representative from Student Academic Success Services was on hand to give a presentation.

Geoff Brown reported he receives requests from staff and authors about the Libraries' author fund for Open Access publishing fees. The Libraries' does not have an author fund. The confusion stems from an article in the Dal News in 2011 that mentioned that the Libraries' were applying for a grant to provide such a fund. The grant application was unsuccessful. Marlo MacKay said that the Dal News has agreed to take down the story.

Robin Parker and Melissa Helwig are involved in planning and teaching the post-graduate Community of Scholars-Education Research Programme. This fall the programme is running as a six-month pilot project in the graduate programmes. It will be expanded across the Faculty of Medicine starting in January.

Sarah Stevenson announced she is going to the Canadian Science Policy Conference (CSPC) October 16 & 17. Sarah will report back to Council at the November meeting.

8. Other Business

Dominic Silvio reported we have a new meeting space for Library Council. The new space is Room 2902 on the 2nd floor of the Killam (formerly the GISciences Centre). Anyone wanting to see the space can take a tour after the meeting today. A thank you to the Dunn Library for donating the tables and chairs for this space. The room is intended for internal use and is not bookable online at this point. LITS is trying to obtain some second-hand equipment videoconferencing equipment for this.

9. Next Meeting – 18 November 2014, 10-11.30am, Rm 2902 (former GISciences Centre)

The meeting adjourned at 11:20am