

Committee Annual Report to Library Council Dalhousie University Libraries

Period Covered: July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Committee: Libraries Internship/Practicum Coordinating Committee (LIPCC)

Chair: Sarah Jane Dooley (Sexton)

Membership: Jen Adams (Law, and Committee Secretary), Elaine MacInnis (MacRae), Shelley McKibbon (Kellogg), Michael Moosberger (Archives/GIS), and Michelle Paon (Killam)

Summary for 2012-2013

Sarah Jane Dooley submitted a proposal to SMT in November 2012 to initiate a closer collaboration between the Libraries and the School of Information Management (SIM) with regards to student internships. This group was called Dalhousie University Libraries/SIM Collaboration Group. It was later decided that this group would become an official Committee of Library Council and was renamed the Libraries Internship/Practicum Coordinating Committee (LIPCC) in January 2013.

Committee activities for 2012-13 include:

- Intern survey initiated by Sarah Stevenson: questions were devised by the group and the survey was sent out to former SIM interns between February 7 and February 28. The purpose of the survey was to get feedback on the Libraries' internship program. In general, the 51 respondents (past interns from 2005-2011) were very satisfied with their experience at the Dalhousie Libraries and highly valued reference and subject training. Suggestions for experiences that should be part of internships included: more exposure to management-level meetings, governance and structure and digital/systems work. The full report is available on the S drive at: S:\Library\ Libraries Internship Practicum Committee\2013 former intern survey
- March 12, 2013: Terms of Reference presented and approved by Library Council
- May 16, 2013: LIPCC's first annual Intern Training Day.

A number of librarians and staff provided presentations to ten interns from across the library system. Sessions included a description of the Libraries' mission and vision, brief overviews of each library, Novanet/WorldCat and an introduction to the workings of RefWorks and LibGuides. The group finished the day with a social. The students' feedback was very positive.

- June 11, 2013: JoAnn Watson and Louise Spiteri from SIM invited to speak to Library Council regarding practicum and reading courses
- Second annual "Summer Shine Series" date set for September 16th. Planning for this event will continue during the summer months.