

Library Council Meeting
Killam Library Room 2902
19 May 2016
10:00am – 12:00pm

Present: Donna Bourne-Tyson (Chair), Sandy Dwyer (Secretary), Carol Richardson (Recording Secretary), Alice Stover, Allison Fulford, Ann Barrett, Benjamin Thomas, David Michels, Deborah Hemming, Elaine MacInnis, Erin MacPherson, Gwendolyn MacNairn, Jacob Ericson, James Boxall, Janice Slauenwhite, John Yolkowski, Julie Marcoux, Karen Chandler, Keri McCaffrey, Lauren Bull, Marc Comeau, Margaret Vail, Mark Lewis, Marlo MacKay, Michelle Paon, Mick Bottom, Nick Manual, Nikki Tanner, Patrick Ellis, Sarah Jane Dooley, Shelley McKibbon

Regrets: Anne Matthewman, Brian Lesser, Creighton Barrett, Dominic Silvio, Gail Fraser, Geoff Brown, Heather MacFadyen, Ian Colford, Jennifer Adams, Joyline Makani, Karen Smith, Linda Aiken, Linda Bedwell, Lindsay McNiff, Melissa Helwig, Michael Moosberger, Oriel MacLennan, Robin Parker, Roger Gillis, Sai Choi Chua, Sarah Stevenson

There was a brief reception held at 9:30am ahead of the Library Council meeting to welcome our Library Interns.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with item number 4 being moved to the top of the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of April 21, 2016

The Minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting were approved with the following correction:

Under item 9. "There site has more holdings." should read "Their site has more holdings."

3. Business Arising

Student Advisory Group TORs – Marlo

Marlo, with further discussion with the Student Advisory Group, has sent a proposal to Library Council to have the Student Advisory Group become a Committee of Library Council. There isn't any formal Terms of Reference for this group so it was agreed to have Marlo draft a formal Terms of Reference and present it at the next Library Council meeting. In the Terms of Reference, there will be two co-chairs (Marlo & Linda Bedwell). It was also suggested in the Terms of Reference to have 4 meetings, one in each of the libraries, and have a rep from each library on the committee. The committee is aiming to have a big open meeting possibly around Thanksgiving to encourage a large group of students to attend. Pizza may be served as an incentive. Another results meeting may be held in February of 2017. It was suggested to keep in contact with the student societies.

4. Presentation & Discussion – Fundraising for the Libraries – Stephen Harding, Assistant Vice President Development & Lori Ward, Director of Development for the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Faculty of Graduate Studies, supporting Dalhousie Libraries and the Dalhousie Art Gallery. Lori begins her post on July 4.

Financial: Attract significant new investment to enable the University to deliver on its strategic goals – Charter 4.5

- 2015/16 Results (year ending March 31)

- Overall growth in overall commitments from \$26.7M to \$32.5M – very strong year.
- Growth in Principal, Major Gifts up to \$20.9M from \$15.1M – a lot of activity in this area.
- 7% decline in Annual giving funds received from \$4.1M to \$3.8M – this needs to be revisited.
- Planned Giving growth in funds received to \$6.3M from \$3.9M (Donors who leave a bequest in their wills) – very strong year.
- Develop and launch a comprehensive campaign
 - Attracting significant new investment to enable the university to deliver on our strategic goals is a key strategic objective for the university. Key part of that is getting ready for our next campaign.
 - The next Bold Ambitions Campaign will be an 8-10 year campaign which will bring to life the next strategic objectives. The Libraries will be involved in the next campaign.
- Status
 - Campaign readiness assessment in Advancement completed. This will determine what the staffing and volunteer model will look like.
 - Principal gifts look strong with lead naming level gifts for the IDEA Building finalized (this space will open in the 2018 anniversary year). IDEA building campaign now at 89% of larger \$25M goal.
 - Significant planned gift received in Q4 for International Grad Student Support. (This was a gift from a bequest in a will)
 - Consultations with President and President’s Exec now underway for Campaign Planning. Donna Bourne-Tyson will be involved in these discussions.
 - James Langley is booked for Senior Leadership Retreat and Development for Deans. He will be coming to campus in late September and Donna Bourne-Tyson will be participating.

Capital Funding Priorities

- Learning Commons
 - Wallace McCain Learning Commons opened this year (October 2015).
 - \$8,000,000 gift.
 - Agriculture Campaign – Truro (hope to have a Learning Commons component). Donna Bourne-Tyson is on Steering Committee for this initiative as well.
 - TBD

Annual Funding Results (this excludes Capital Project donations like the Wallace McCain LC)

New Commitments that are tracked (results over last 3 years):

- Commitments are pledges that are made by donors and Cash In are donations from donors who honor their pledges.
- Any Gift in Kind donations are provided with a receipt. A major GIK donation was given in the fiscal 2014. Special Collections donations are also accepted for the libraries.
- In the fiscal 2015, the total donations for annual giving dropped but it was bumped back up in 2016.
- There were no major gifts in the past 2 years. This is something that needs to be built upon.
- Payments from endowments are separate but if a donor was set up for an endowment, then the numbers would be reflected in these totals.

How to give.

- Online at (<https://alumniapps.dal.ca/giving/giving.php>)
- There is a link to the online giving page on the Libraries website.
- An automatic tax receipt will be generated.
- You can leave a gift in memory of a loved one.
- Dalhousie also has Project Dal which is a crowd funding platform to give faculty/staff/students an online channel to fundraise money for Dalhousie. The key criteria is the project has to support Dalhousie. An example of a project was the cat spay/neutering project on the Agricultural campus.

Where can donors make an impact.

- U15 benchmarking – gaps?
- Teaching and Learning Support?
- Special Collections?
- Student Library Experience?
- Space?

5. Round table updates – all members (20 minutes)

Jackie Phinney

- Was in Halifax last month for a visit and to attend meetings.
- Shelley and Jackie were working on the Doody's Core Titles List. The list is now available and both Shelley and Jackie were subject selectors for the recommended books for the 2016 list.
- Getting ready to present at APLA with a colleague at the hospital library in Saint John.
- Doing some intern training from afar.

Erin MacPherson

- Sarah Stevenson and Erin did a Bootcamp presentation on Research Data Management. Received positive feedback.
- Working on finalizing a project charter for the Research Data Management project.
- Working on the Ethiopia project with Elaine MacInnis. Finalizing the book list for the 4 libraries.
- Involved in the Interviews for the Manager of Library Services position at the MacRae Library.

Shelley McKibbin

- Just back from the CHLA/MLA Conference in Toronto. Attended a Continuing Education session on Systematic Reviews, a session on Collection Development decisions and another one on using data.
- Working on the Doody's Core Titles List.
- Participated in the Research Bootcamp. Gave a session on RefWorks and introduced the new Refworks that is still in development. Shelley plans to look at the issues that Dalhousie has with RefWorks and see if these have been resolved.
- Helping with the ABC Copyright Conference taking place on May 26 & 27. There is a need for volunteers especially on the registration table. If you can help, you can attend sessions before or after your shift without registering for the conference.

John Yolkowski

- Presented at the Research Bootcamp on Copyright and Open Access.
- Met with Deborah Hemming who is helping create some Visual Learning Tools and updating the website.
- 17 reference questions.
- Roger Gillis and John are preparing for the ABC Copyright Conference.

Mick Bottom

- Working with ITS. The goal for the summer is to have the service desk and help desk work closer together to provide better technical support across the university.
- ITS is closing their Hardware Services storefront in the Killam. LC Technical Assistance will be taking on some of the services that Hardware Services used to provide eg. virus cleanup, data backup etc. These services will become free through the Dalhousie Libraries.

James Boxall

- Co-hosting the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. James will be facilitating on Friday, June 3rd on Geography Education and GeoLiteracy.
- Conducted a full day workshop for the Digital Humanities Institute on GIS for Humanities. James is looking at mapping literature as one project.

- Co-authoring a paper and it has been accepted to the American Journal of Urology. It's about Genetic Disorders in Nova Scotia.

Marc Comeau

- Presenting at the Maritimes Connections Conference which covers access, privacy, securities and information management.

Elaine MacInnis

- Interviews for the Manager of Library Services position at the MacRae Library are taking place this week.
- The Campus Master Plan in Truro is ongoing and the Committee are continuing to meet. Both Donna Bourne-Tyson and Elaine are on the Project Development Committee and the Campaign Committee. The top floor of the MacRae Library will be vacated by the end of July or at least 1/2 of it. There is a number of departments that want to move into that space, so it is now time for the Project Development Committee for that particular project to be formed.
- Part of the Grad Student Orientation for Faculty of Agricultural.
- There was a Killam Collections meeting on May 10 to review our position for the year. The Resources Team have put together a huge amount of data and are getting ready to review our continuing subscriptions.
- Met with the Access Services Team. Linda Bedwell completed the Report for the Guerilla Assessment for the Kellogg Library. Hope to discuss this report at the next Library Council.
- Both Elaine and Linda Bedwell are presenting the Guerilla Assessment project at the IATUL Conference on Monday, June 6 at 2pm.

Michelle Paon

- Taught one of the Research Bootcamp sessions.
- Did an orientation session for International Oceans Institute.
- John Gardiner, a researcher, has been on campus. He has a lot of experience with first year experience and retention for students. Attended 3 of his sessions and they were very good.
- Reviewing the journals that are purchased on the Biology Fund. Meeting with faculty to discuss the journals they have access to and to talk about any potential cuts.
- A convenor at APLA for two sessions.

Gwendolyn MacNairn

- Working with Elaine MacInnis to redesign a template to submit annual reports. This should be ready by the end of May.
- Gwendolyn's term is ending for Assistant Head of Killam. Along with her Computer Science duties, she will become the Liaison Librarian for the Undergraduate Medical Sciences Program.
- Will be joining the expanded GIS Centre Team.

Nikki Tanner

- Accepted an offer to be the Reference & Instruction Librarian at the UNB Law library. Congratulations!

Sarah Jane Dooley

- LIPCC
 - The Intern Enrichment Days start on Friday, May 27. Instead of doing one training day, several will be done throughout the summer. There will be Camtasia training with Lindsay McNiff, Assessment Workshop with Linda Bedwell, Library Tours along with a trip to the Truro Campus.
 - There is an opportunity for the interns to collaborate within the Dalhousie Libraries. For example, a video project from Lindsay and possibly an assessment project through the DLSPC.
 - Summer Shine presentation planning is underway. This event will take place on September 15 and will be combined with the SIM Welcome Reception.
 - Marlo will be organizing write-ups on the blog for each of the interns.

- Finalized the Best Practices Document for intern supervisors.
- Sarah Jane and Ian Colford will be doing a Research Bootcamp presentation on key resources for Engineering. Have 27 signed up which is almost double from last year.
- On the conference planning committee for the Canadian Engineering Education Association Conference which is happening later in June.
- Signed up to volunteer at the IATUL Conference.

Mark Lewis

- Spent April helping the Law School with exams.
- Preparing to teach in the Pre-Law Program.
- Working on a Content Analysis Project with Computer Science. Once there is results, will bring back to Library Council.

David Michaels

- Nikki Tanner and David finished up a Law Bootcamp session and will be giving another session soon.
- Co-chair for the Information Science Conference in June.
- Presented a paper at the Conference on Religion and Media in Montreal. Wanted to take the opportunity to thank people like Margaret Vail for all the work she has done to make this project happen.

Patrick Ellis

- Attended the CHLA/MLA Conference in Toronto. There was a lot of former Kellogg Interns at this conference. It makes you feel good to see them involved. Received an award for Lifetime Membership to CHLA/MLA.
- Scholarly Resources Management Group have not been able to meet to discuss the subject specialist template document.

Marlo MacKay

- Attended a day long workshop from Editors Canada in May.
- Dal Reads title for 2016 is The Hermit of Africville by Jon Tattrie. Dal Reads will meet with Jon to discuss programming ideas.
- Working with a group of communications people and the Web Team to work on web space identity for CHEB. Aiming to have it ready by July. Marlo is there to make sure the libraries are represented on this site.
- Going to be meeting to discuss orientation communications. They track the summer communications that go out to students and how the libraries can take advantage of it.

Janice Slauenwhite

- Working on the Libraries budget. No final numbers have been received from Financial Services yet.
- Been involved with interviews for the Manager of Library Services at the MacRae Library.
- Working on signage at the CHEB. Marlo MacKay and Janice met with a rep from Facilities and Killam has been given priority for updated signage as well. It's aimed for completion at the end of July.

Allison Fulford

- Thanks to everyone for their feedback on the Website Renewal Project. Tomorrow is the deadline to give feedback so don't hesitate to send your comments. Feedback from the interns would be most welcome.
- Thanks to the Web Renewal Team for their hard work and dedication to this project.

Karen Chandler

- Consortial Renewals are coming in and, in particular, the CAUL deals. We have signed off on the essential deals. There is some good news. The ProQuest renewals are coming in as a 0% increase.
- Had some challenges with the Killam EAF and the System Wide EAF renewals. One challenge in particular is for a 7% increase or a 10% for one year or a multiyear offer. In most cases once we push back they come

back with a better offer. The vendors don't understand the impact that the US dollar/exchange rate and tax has for us.

- Still tweaking the budget modelling template. Once we get the final figures from Financial Services for the collections portion of the budget, we will be ready to start entering the numbers.
- Couple of changes to the procedures from Financial Services especially with respect to the accruals. Overall, with the changes, it will make things easier to look at variance factors moving forward. No final word on US dollar rebate for this year.

Alice Stover

- Resources staff are waiting for the budget to come out.
- Worked with Heather to get standing order lists for Killam Selectors.
- Working with Creighton to get ongoing cataloguing for the new C-5s.
- Getting summer projects for staff.

Julie Marcoux

- Office Mix is a free PowerPoint add-in. Julie did a workshop and as a result she has some training materials available for those wanting it. If interested, contact Julie.
- Attended an all day workshop on R (statistical software). This workshop was well attended.
- Attended and organized the DLI Librarian training in NFLD. Was involved in 4 sessions and received good feedback from the training.
- Did 3 Bootcamp sessions. Excel 1 was really well attended. May offer Excel and Data sessions for all libraries staff in future. Julie still has more Bootcamp sessions to do.

Ann Barrett

- Finished a two week intensive training period for the Kellogg Interns.
- The Kellogg interns and Ann will be volunteering at IATUL.
- The final push is on to get exhibits and sponsors ready for APLA.
- Did a presentation to ISANS (International Settlement Association of NS). They are health professionals from around the world looking for assistance in getting certification.
- Doing a lot of collections work with the large cancellations under consideration.
- Thank you to Melissa Helwig for organizing the Bootcamp sessions. She took it to a higher level reaching out to the New Brunswick campus and the Truro campus.

Margaret Vail

- The Web Renewal Project is going well. Please send any feedback to Margaret by May 20. The launch date for the new website is July 5. A thank you also goes out to Allison Fulford for all her hard work and dedication to this project.

6. Library Council Elections – Secretary (5 minutes)

If anyone is interested in taking on the role as Library Council Secretary, please let Sandy know. No nominations or volunteers were announced. This will be reviewed at the June Library Council meeting.

7. Strategic Plan Reporting – Marc Comeau (10 minutes)

There is a link to the SMT responsibilities for the Strategic Plan included in the Director, IT Highlights. The plan is coming together. The time frames and the broad strategies for some of the items are now being set. Some of the items are very descriptive and others have to be flushed out to determine how they will be accomplished. There is also a responsible SMT member assigned for each item. Please talk to any of those members if you have questions/concerns. Some of the items are already finished and completed. Eventually this document will go out to the public. It was noted, the SMT responsibilities for the Strategic Plan document is a live document and revisions are ongoing.

8. Novell Decommissioning – Marc Comeau (5 minutes)

There have been rumors, notices, updates about Novell going away. There is an absolute deadline of April 2017 to get rid of Novell. There are no new drivers or new hardware. The old hardware needs to be replaced. The printing is almost gone from Novell. There is an intention for the One Drive to replace the G drive (personal Novell drive) down the road. There are policy issues to be worked out before this will be done. Marc encouraged everyone to start thinking about making this change to One Drive. How do we use these more effectively? There will be some training possibly in June to showcase staff how to use the productivity tools. The M drive is for faculty and courses and is not used heavily across campus. The T drive is mostly used by Choi.

S drive is used heavily in the libraries. This will be migrated and it will be used differently. We shouldn't notice a big change for this. Information in the S drive will eventually be moved to SharePoint Online.

Question: What will the workstations look like when the students are logging in at the Learning Commons? There was a project underway to try and convert the student login page. Dal policy has some restrictions for staff usage but not for students. We want it to function similar as is but it will be mapped as a local drive. Students will not have to use dal.ca in their net ID. If you have any questions, contact LITS.

9. Senate Report – Robin Parker (5 minutes)

No Senate Report.

10. Senior Management Reports – question period, written reports submitted in advance (5 minutes)

No questions for the written reports that were submitted in an earlier email.

11. Other Business (5 minutes)

Please send your Annual Reports for the Committees of Library Council to Sandy before the June Library Council meeting or no later than the Septembers Library Council meeting.

A special meeting is being planned for the next Library Council meeting in June to talk about succession planning. With the departure of Patrick Ellis, there are some positions to fill.

12. Retention and Student Success Initiatives: an update - Anne Forrestall (Acting Vice Provost Student Affairs) (30 minutes)

Fiona Black and Anne were asked to lead the 1.1: Data Informing Initiatives of the Strategic priority.

We heard there was a need for more clarity and insight regarding the student retention rates, particularly for 1st years. It is clear that we need strong connections between academic units and Student Affairs if we are going to make a difference in the student experience.

Projects teams were formed from faculties and librarians to come together to talk about student success. Who do we want to help? Are we losing students from a particular area? Some very useful work has been done with DalAnalytics.

Anne highlighted predictors of student retention and success found in the literature.

Anne Matthewman - AUL – Learning and Curriculum Support:

Working on strategic initiatives for library strategic report and Dalhousie strategic initiatives.

Attended OER meeting – May 9th

ADAC

Meetings suspended for the summer.

Dunn Law Library:

David Michels and Nikki Tanner provided 4 research workshops for faculty summer research students at the Law School. There are 26 students and many of them make the Law Library their home base for the summer.

Linda Aiken, Jennifer Adams and Anne Matthewman attending Canadian Association of Law Libraries Conference in Vancouver, May 15-18.

David Michels is the Co-Chair for the Canadian Association of Information Conference being held in Calgary in June. Additionally, David has a paper being published in an upcoming issue of Studies in Religion.

Linda Aiken has recently completed an HR workshop – “Getting to the Heart of the Matter: Having non-defensive Conversations”

Our summer student, Ben Cameron, started on May 9th. He will be working at the service point and assisting with other public services work.

Practicum student completed Reference Triage Manual and Circulation Manual for the Dunn Library in the form of a LibGuide.

AUL Discovery | Head Sexton Library | Allison Fulford

AUL Discovery

1. *Website Assessment Project:* The beta version of the libraries’ renewed website was sent to all staff on Monday, May 9 (<http://web1-preview.cms.dal.ca/libraries.html>). All feedback will be gladly received until May 20 and should be sent to Margaret Vail. Specifically, staff have been asked to look for/comment on: content accuracy, cross links missing, short list selections, functionality in different browsers and on different mobile devices.

The Website Assessment Team: Margaret Vail, Sarah Stevenson, Shelley McKibbon, Charlotte MacKeigan, and Marlo MacKay have done an outstanding job managing this project and getting us to the point of releasing a beta version of the website. This is an enormous undertaking with lots of component parts and the Team has managed it thoughtfully and professionally.

Sexton Library

1. Lauren Bull began her summer internship at Sexton Library May 9. She will continue on with us in the fall.
2. Three Sexton C-5s will be attending the APLA Conference this month.
3. Attended Julie Marcoux’s awesome workshop on PowerPoint Mix.

Resources and Kellogg Health Sciences Library - Patrick Ellis

Resources:

1. **Obsolescence Survey:** purposes. The Survey is connected to the work we do annually with American Appraisal to establish a replacement value for the library contents. Given the continued acceptance of electronic resources in academic libraries, CURIE has requested that Duff & Phelps update its 2010 Library Collections Obsolescence Study (the "2010 Study"). The 2010 Study acknowledged that in the event of a library disaster, not all CURIE members would elect to replace 100% of lost items.

(Sample question) In the event that a library collection was destroyed in a disaster, how would you decide which items to replace and in which format (print or electronic) to replace them?

2. **EAF Working Group:** We will begin the work of breaking out of the Taylor and Francis Package.
3. **Collections Assessment project:**
 - a. This has been referred to the Scholarly Resources Management Group and will be on their next meeting agenda.

Kellogg Health Sciences Library:

1. With thanks to Heather and Gail, we have been working collectively through our subscriptions; identifying information gaps, and considering what we subs we can maintain. This will be a consultative process.
2. We have posted our first collections proposal for the coming budget year. The package Clinical Key is under consideration:
http://libraries.dal.ca/collection/collection_management.html

Director, Libraries HR - Sandy Dwyer

The Manager of Library Services, MacRae Library, posting closed on April 10, 2016. The search committee, comprised of Elaine MacInnis, Erin MacPherson, Janice Slauenwhite, Mick Bottom and Sandy Dwyer will be interviewing, the short-listed candidates, on May 16th and May 20th.

Interviews have taken place for the Library Services Assistant position (WKK). The search committee, comprised of Jan Pelley, Gail Fraser and Sandy Dwyer, is in the process of completing reference checks on our top candidate. We hope to have someone in place very soon.

The Health and Wellness Committee wishes to thank those who took part in our, "Jump for your Hearts" skipping activities held on the Studley and Sexton campuses on April 26th & 28th and May 3rd & 5th. Participants had a fun time.

The Dalhousie Libraries has 3 teams participating in the Spring Into Action Challenge. The teams are Killam Cast-A-Weights, Dal Dazzlers, and the Law Mini Me's. With a total of 22 people participating from the Libraries. We are heading into the 6th and final week of the challenge and our teams are going strong.

Director, Library IT - Marc Comeau

- We have officially kicked off our first full term where everyone is in Brightspace. This is a significant milestone, but there is an enormous amount of work still underway as we prepare the fall courses. This work primarily supports 1.4.a.

- Training sessions for faculty on Brightspace continue to be very popular. We normally do seven group sessions per week with one-on-one appointments where we can fit them. This work supports 1.4.b.
- We have a signed contract with Panopto, our new streaming service. There is still implementation work ahead of us before it can be fully rolled out but we can now get into the system and start our work. This work primarily supports 1.4.c but also touches on 1.4.a and 1.4.b.
- I have met with most of the Senior Management Team to discuss their technology needs. This will help to ensure we plan appropriately both for the strategic plan and our daily operational needs. This supports all of the strategic plan.
- We have a new coop student that's joined the team to help with development work. He will be assisting Margaret on a number of projects. This supports 1.1.a and 1.1.b
- We are in the midst of deploying new leased machines to refresh those that are now three years old.
- There is a project underway to improve the power capacity to our main rack in the server room. This will require some significant downtime that is tentatively set for May 28th from 6am to noon. To minimize disruption, and thanks to longstanding efforts to virtualize our server environment, we will be able to migrate many services to our old rack for the duration of the outage. That means those particular services won't be down at all during the downtime. Some examples of services that will be unaffected are Proxy, Room Bookings and Finding Aids. Some services which will be down due to logistical complications include Dalspace and Digi. More information will follow on this outage, please keep an eye out for a message via email as we get closer to the date.
- The strategic plan timelines and strategies are located at https://dal-my.sharepoint.com/personal/comeaum_dal_ca/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?guestaccesstoken=Bb9oSpawkpAQmZ1XW%2fjYWU1PGzZjTPm41J93xE490Os%3d&docid=2_08a0b2b523a4f4c18b3060cbff16bd1f2 This is a living document and will be updated as planning evolves. What is in the document today is the first step in reporting progress on the Strategic Plan to Library Council, we will be doing more in the coming months. This supports 5.3.b

University Librarian's Report May 2016

The Dal Libraries' Senate Review Report is at the fact-checking phase now, due back to the Office of the Associate Vice-President Academic by May 27th, and then about two weeks later the final version will be issued by the Senate Office. The draft report is very encouraging, with many positive observations, and recommendations that we will be able to support. We will distribute to all Dal Libraries staff the day it is released.

Planning for the IATUL conference June 5-9th is progressing well, thanks to Michele Charlton and Marlo MacKay for the great support they are providing, and the local arrangements committee Marie DeYoung, Tanja Harrison and Andrea Stewart.

In late April I attended the joint ARL/CARL meetings in Vancouver, and it was a very useful, interesting set of meetings. There was considerable discussion about Berlin 12 and the various forms of OA being adopted, and great sessions on assessment, RDM, scholarly communications. Slides are available for some sessions here: <http://www.arl.org/news/arl-news/4018-arl-and-carl-members-meet-in-vancouver-arlies-film-festival-premieres#.Vz2mzuSuPJV>

The new Federation of Canadian Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques interim Board continues to meet for weekly conference calls, and I am attaching a report from the interim chair to this report. I have agreed to take over the chair in July, until the end of January 2017 when a new board will be elected at the first AGM. You'll see that CLA was doing many things for libraries in Canada, and the important work of transitioning to a new model is being undertaken by great colleagues from associations across the country.

I hope that everyone is enjoying conference season, and I am very pleased to see so many Dal Libraries colleagues presenting and attending APLA, ABCCopyright, IATUL and the various national conferences underway.

[This just went out as an e-mail, but I am including it here as well in case you missed it.] By now you'll have seen the announcement about the renewal of my position as University Librarian in several places, distributed by the Provost's Office. There is mention in the reappointment announcement of the things I've achieved in the past four and a half years, but we know that these are all things that we have achieved together. It is the nature of the senior academic appointment process to focus on the leader of the unit specifically, but in reality the fabulous work that is being done is not done by the University Librarian, it is done by you and other members of the team. For instance, in the announcement the 3-D printers and the Seed Library are mentioned: the success of those initiatives is due to the hard work of many people in the Dal Libraries, and my role was only a small one at the beginning. Your strong contributions are recognized and appreciated across the University, and my renewal is one indication that what we are doing throughout the Dal Libraries is valued. As the University Librarian, I am here to welcome and champion your innovative ideas, introduce a few of my own, and provide the necessary resources to ensure you have the training, materials, and the support that you need to succeed. Then my role is to applaud you as you achieve great things and to promote these great services and endeavors to our patrons. We have accomplished remarkable things in the past four and a half years, and I am proud of the work that we are doing. Thank you for working with me so cooperatively and openly. It is a privilege to have another term with the Dal Libraries as University Librarian. I will be depending on you to provide feedback, make suggestions, let me know how things are going, and help me to ensure we're meeting the needs of our users, and as importantly, making the Dal Libraries a great place to work for all of us. Let's do more amazing things together!