

Minutes
Library Council Meeting
Killam Library Room 2902
20 April 2017
10:00am-12:04pm

Present: Mark Lewis (Chair), Karen Smith (Secretary), Carol Richardson (Recording Secretary), Alice Stover, Ann Barrett, Anne Matthewman, Creighton Barrett, David Michels, Dominic Silvio, Donna Bourne-Tyson, Elaine MacInnis, Erin MacPherson, Gail Fraser, Geoff Brown, Hannah Steeves, Heather MacFadyen, Janice Slauenwhite, Jennifer Adams, Julie Marcoux, Lachlan MacLeod, Linda Aiken, Lindsay McNiff, Marc Comeau, Marlo MacKay, Michael Moosberger, Michelle Paon, Oriel MacLennan, Robin Parker, Roger Gillis, Sai Chua, Sandy Dwyer, Sarah Stevenson, Shelley McKibbin

Regrets: Allison Fulford, Brian Lesser, Courtney Boudreau, Gwen MacNairn, Ian Colford, James Boxall, Joyline Makani, Karen Chandler, Linda Bedwell, Lucy Kiester, Margaret Vail, Melissa Helwig, Mick Bottom Sarah Jane Dooley

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 16, 2017

The Minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

4. Presentation from Dr. Kevin Hewitt, Chair of Senate and Dr. Jeff Hoyle, Senate Vice Chair, Academic Programs

- Dr. Kevin Hewitt has been Chair of Senate for almost 2 years.
- Embarked on a process to re-examine the constitution and introduced principal of values to the constitution.
- Developed a statement of relationships with various stakeholders across the university and engaged with those stakeholders on a regular basis with Senate Officers, Board Chair and Vice Chair. Meetings are held every semester with the stakeholders to discuss various university priorities and to provide input and direction.
- Engaged with Dalhousie Faculty Association to try and work on issues where there is overlap.
- Been engaged with the Provost Committee to direct the Strategic Priorities which has an impact on the Academic Mission. Senate is the body that is responsible for the Academic Mission and has representatives across campus that are elected each year.

- Senate is a broad cross-section of representatives (Administrators, Faculty, Students) to set policies and guidelines that Faculties must abide by.
- Senate has a responsibility for academic issues and oversees the financial issues.
- There has been Faculty Councils visits to try to understand how to better engage them with issues at Senate. A number of ways to improve two-way communication has been suggested through these initial visits. Some Faculties are actually visiting one another to learn about their governance framework.

What do you see as a more effective way to engage with Senate on an ongoing basis? How can Senate improve the two way communication?

- Robin Parker prepares a Senate Report for Library Council on a regular basis and welcomes any questions that come out of these reports to take back to Senate. She tries to look for items that are relevant to the work we do at the Libraries.
- What does it mean to be a Committee of Senate within the terms of the constitution (what does that mean)?

This is the reason for the visits so it is more clearly defined. Any policies passed within this unit must be consistent with Dalhousie's existing Senate Policies. Generally Committees provide reports to their governing body. For example, Architecture and Planning could send a summary of their Faculty Council meetings to Senate, not the minutes but just a summary. Senate has embarked on a regular feature in Dal News which started in March. Faculty Senators can alert Councils of the current agendas and any issues that are coming up at future meetings. Next year the Senate Chair plans to meet with Senators within each Faculty on an ongoing basis, once a semester, to give an update on what is coming forward to Senate. It was noted, Library Council minutes are posted on the open web.
- The silos that sometimes exist between the Board of Governors and Senate as outlined in the article "Challenges and Opportunities for Collegial Governance in Canada". What are the realities of this happening on this campus and is Senate trying to jointly do things together sometimes?

Regular meetings are being set up to break down the silos. It was noted a joint Senate Board reception was held in December 2016. A survey has also been used to gather feedback.
- A reminder that in some ways Library Council has a closer affiliation with Senate through the Standing Committees than some of the faculties because the university librarian stands as a voting member on the Senate Committee for Learning and Teaching (SLTC) and as a non-voting member of Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC). A lot of our library business flows through these committees. The University Librarian presents once a year to each of those committees on items the Library is moving forward such as Scholarly Communications, Research Data Management. SLTC Subcommittee on eLearning is where there is talk about such things as Academic integrity, services in BrightSpace. We are not governed by those committees but they inform the work we do. We also provide library reviews for any new programs for any other faculty going forward through SAPRC.
- A lot of business at Senate starts at the committee level. Robin sits on the Senate Disciplinary Committee and feels the libraries could play a larger role in this committee especially in regard to international students. If anyone is interested in the work of this committee, please talk to Robin or Donna Bourne-Tyson.

- The constitution of Senate under 1.1(d) states Faculty Councils are Committees of Senate and are expected to act in a manner consistent with Senate regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines.
 - Whatever policy on the academic side has to be consistent with Senate Policies and this is where Faculty Senators come in. Their role is to say if Senate is interested in this policy. You can set policies within your particular faculty without going to Senate. Keep in mind whether it's a document that Senate should review.
- What would be an academic policy of the library?
 - An example of something that wouldn't need to go any further is the libraries policy on donations. There is about to be a university wide gifts policy and at that point the libraries will make sure our gift policy is in compliance with the university wide gift policy. A policy on records management, which was a university wide policy was approved by the President because it was dealing with administrative records. The libraries are working on a few policies at this point eg. a Privacy Policy that will go through the various committees before it reaches Senate. Sometimes there are matters that are being worked on in subcommittees that library staff are involved in eg. eLearning Subcommittee of SLTC which Marc Comeau is involved.
- Sometimes the libraries are an academic unit and sometimes we are an academic support unit. The libraries provide services but do not teach classes. The libraries budget structure is also different. This makes the libraries relationship complicated with Senate because there is a lot of matters that the libraries don't make decisions on as a Council.
- Senate has reintegrated itself into the capital planning process and is a participant in the early stages so Senate has an opportunity for input.
- Senate meetings are open to all faculty. The agendas are posted on the Senate website https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/university_senate/meetings.html. It was noted, the next Senate meeting is Monday April 24 at 3:00pm. Bill Barker is presenting the Senate Review of the Library's and the response.

5. ATS Presentation - Marc Comeau

- After significant analysis, the decision was made to bring the Audio Visual Support Team from Information Technology Services (ITS) and the AV Design and Installation Team from Centre for Learning and Teaching (CLT) together under the libraries. Along with this change will come a name change from LITS to Academic Technology Services (ATS).
- There have been a number of problems that have occurred over the last academic year with AV services. With strategic funding from the Provost, a supporting cast of IT professionals and a mix of library service culture, we will be able to improve the situation for those who uses AV services at Dalhousie.
- Aside from those issues, Video Conferencing (VC) has never officially been supported at Dalhousie. With the changes, we will be introducing formal support for VC at Dalhousie, with funding support from the Provost.
- This change brings technology support for both physical and virtual classrooms to the libraries. These supports are an excellent complement to the Libraries' numerous other services that support the learning and teaching that happens inside those classrooms.
- Please note that all of the services you have been used to receiving from LITS will not change.
- Most significant changes will happen in the background. Not a whole lot of change right away.

- Classrooms Technology Team (formerly AV) will stay in their offices where they are now in the LSC, Rowe & McCain and a student at Sexton campus. Design and Installation Team will stay in the basement of the Killam.

Questions:

1. How does Panopto component work

There is two parts to Panopto. You can use it as a desktop utility to pre-record and post it when you have time or there is the live lecture capture piece. The professors are being contacted to see if they want it activated in those classrooms that have it enabled. It is then scheduled to record. The lecture would show up in their course in BrightSpace.

2. Are we looking at ways to help when there is a problem in the classroom and something goes wrong.

Short term - better signage of where to get help.

Longer term - finding ways to better communicate when help is needed. Building uniformity across the sites but this is a long term goal because of the infrastructure. Developing fundamental standards now in terms of small, medium and large classrooms; what the classroom should look like and how it should operate. A fourth standard that is being developed is what does the human interface look like (the equipment should work the same in all classrooms regardless of size of classroom).

3. Does IT support all of Carleton Campus?

There is two groups that work on the Carleton Campus; the AV Group who does all of Carleton campus and the Dalhousie Medical New Brunswick Group (DMNB) who just takes care of the DMNB rooms. There will be better coordination between the units.

4. How is the Core Infrastructure Team (Margaret Vail, David Miffen & Jason Flynn) coping because as the team has grown over the years, that particular group has not?

That team has grown because Jason is a new addition for quite a while but it is acknowledged that this team still needs to grow.

5. At what point do you think we will be ready for holographic projections in the classroom?

First, we have to make sure when you plug in your laptop and you want to show a PowerPoint presentation, it works. As we go forward and there is a conflict between the nice to have and the absolute must have, the absolute must have will be done first until we have the infrastructure we can depend on. It was noted, no point in having great technology if it's not going to work because staff will just stop using it.

6. Often times the instructor doesn't know what the room is capable of doing so the room is being underutilized. There is a disconnect between staff and the people who deliver it. How can we bridge that gap?

One thing we are looking to do is to take a closer look at the campus booking system that is available. The room booking system can pull out what you are looking to use in a room for eg. chalkboard or data projector. The attributes are fairly limited at the moment in terms of what's there and that is not always helpful. The attributes needs to be more functional for the staff who are using the room.

7. How many classrooms have you become responsible for or worried about the technology in?
There are about 170-175 common pool classrooms. A portion of those are in Truro and a portion are on the Carleton Campus which are outside the scope. Outside of those rooms, we have private rooms eg. Room 2902 which is completely private. There are other rooms that are private and semiprivate and are bookable through the classroom booking system but are not common pool. The private rooms will be assisted by the Classrooms Technologies Team and anyone using these private rooms are billed for their use. There is concern with the private rooms because the Technologies Team still have to provide support to these rooms even though some of these rooms have not been updated. It was noted there is sustainable and ongoing funding provided for this new technology.
8. It seems as though the priority list for ATS has changed from January to April and more staff may be needed.
A lot of work that the staff do is independent and it has been missing some large structural oversight, plus funding. The other groups that tried to do this in the past suffered from the lack of funding for success. By solving big problems, we are also solving small problems.
9. Is there going to be assistance given in the area of Statistical Computing since there is only one staff member doing it at the moment?
The funding is quite strict in terms of where it's going to be spent and there is not a lot of flexibility. This has been discussed a number of times about the problems including staffing. Within LITs there is staff helping out and they are doing what they can with what they have.

6. Position Descriptions for Head of Killam and Head of Kellogg

The current Interim Heads left the room so Council could discuss these positions.

After some discussion the positions will be amended and be sent by email to Library Council. The search committee will be established soon. It was noted, the University Librarian most likely will chair these committee(s). The postings will be advertised in the next few weeks. It is hoped there can be a July 1 appointment for both of these positions.

7. Committee Updates

A) Scholarly Resources Management Group (SRMG) Revised Terms of Reference

The Scholarly Resources Management Group (SRMG) consists of Allison Fulford, Ann Barrett, Sarah Stevenson, Erin MacPherson, Linda Aiken and Heather MacFadyen. The changes to the Terms of Reference were discussed by Library Council.

Motion: To approve the Terms of Reference for Scholarly Resources Management Group (SRMG) as presented.

R. Parker/S. Dwyer

Carried

B) Dalhousie Libraries Service Point Committee (DLSPC) Revised Terms of Reference

The changes that were made to the Dalhousie Libraries Service Point Committee (DLSPC) Terms of Reference were discussed by Library Council.

Item 1.8 and possibly 1.3 will be clarified by the Dalhousie Libraries Service Point Committee (DLSPC) and brought back to a future Library Council meeting for approval.

8. Library Council response to Senate Review

Mark made the change to item 11.1. Adding in as the last sentence “However, Library Council recognizes the need for ongoing maintenance to support the facilities and to address concerns regarding flooding and humidity.”

The Library Council response to the Senate Review will be used by the University Librarian to inform her response to the Senate Review. The Library Council response will become a permanent document and be stored with other Library Council documents.

Motion: To accept the Library Council response to the Senate Review.

K. Smith/C. Barrett

Carried

9. Senior Management Reports

Comments:

AUL Library Services & Head, MacRae Library

ATTSVE Library Project - Pleased to hear about the eJournals on CD that were purchased for Ethiopia.

10. Senate Report (Robin Parker)

- Highlights of Senate meetings are being reported in the Dal News. Some Senators have expressed concern that it's not the full representation of what happens and is in the minutes of Senate.
- The Senate Report's highlights include some of the issues that is not mentioned in the summary for the Dalhousie News.
- The Disciplinary Committee sees the level of support for International Students and their understanding around Academic Integrity issues. The libraries has a small interaction with the International Centre. For example, library materials are put into their orientation package. If there is any interest in having the library play a bigger role, please don't hesitate to contact Robin. This item will be put on a future Library Council agenda.
- The next Senate meeting will be held on Monday, April 24 at 3:00pm in Theatre A, Tupper Building. The Agenda for this meeting is online (https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/university_senate/meetings.html).
- Please send Robin any concerns or comments you want taken back to Senate.

11. Individual updates

Dominic Sabbatical Report

- Investigated how our Library Associations or interest groups influence public policy in Canada.
- Virtual libraries – He pointed towards, if the libraries are in poor shape, then the graduate students will be in poor shape. He also looked at graduates in Africa who finished university but couldn't read or write and he looked at how virtual libraries in this country affect the libraries in other countries.
- Went to Kairo University to do research and use their resources.
- Most fun of the sabbatical was regaining the energy to come back and focus on librarianship.

12. Any Other Business

The May Library Council meeting will be rescheduled due to another conflict at the same time.

Library Council Report -- AUL Resources & Discovery | Head, Sexton Library | Allison Fulford

April 20, 2017

AUL Resources & Discovery

1. The Libraries' website has a new staff directory: <https://libraries.dal.ca/about/contacts/staff-directory.html>. It has a great search feature, by first or last name, and the directory list shortens to relevant options as searching is performed. Thanks so much to Margaret and to her student, Pei, for this nifty new directory.
2. The SFX Menu group (Margaret, Geoff, Lucy, Hannah, Lindsay, Allie) is making great progress updating the SFX menu for usability. The updated menu will likely be launched with the new Primo interface, coming this summer.
3. SRMG has been working on course/program assessment guidelines, as well as a template for assessments. The documents will eventually come to Library Council for approval, but will be reviewed by SLT first.

Sexton Library

1. After 30 years, Carolene Robertson is retiring from the Sexton Library. Her last day is April 26. A card will be available for signing at the Sexton Library. We will miss Carolene immensely.
2. Anita Regan, who has worked on Sexton Library's Reference Desk for many years, has retired. Anita was the Curator of the Faculty of Architecture & Planning's Slide Library. Years ago an arrangement was made for collaboration between the Faculty and the Library, so that Anita could join the Reference Staff. Anita provided excellent service, with special knowledge of architecture and planning topics.

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Anne Matthewman

AUL – Learning and Teaching

Team Activity

At our recent team meetings (Feb and April) we have been looking at the remaining items on the strategic plan, particularly data literacy assessment and how the team might work more closely with ATS for training.

We also discussed a presentation for the staff-led conference.

Lindsay McNiff reported on planning for the Research Bootcamp which will be held from May 15 – June 13th. She has prepared a LibGuide outlining the program and schedule.

ADAC

The most recent meeting of ADAC including a presentation from Human Resources personnel on mental health resources and procedure for faculty and staff. It was a reminder that there are many resources available to Dalhousie staff and faculty through the Disabilities Administration office.

Another item of discussion was the reworking of Academic Innovation Funding criteria and awarding to Program Development. Varying levels of innovation funding are available for faculty members to develop programs and course modules which enhance the teaching and learning experience.

Dunn Law Library:

We have received permission to make the temporary reference instruction librarian position permanent. Once Form 1B has been approved, we will launch a national search. Our search committee is chaired by David Michels. The position provides reference and research assistance to students and faculty and will be involved in the instruction of Legal Research and Writing.

We have hired our summer student, Zac Crawford, who will be working at the service point and assisting with other projects from May to end of August.

We hope to continue our weeding/shelf reading project this summer.

The completed version of law school strategic plan is expected by the end of April. As stated earlier, the law library and its staff are recognized as key players in research and teaching at the law school. We are beginning to think about strategic requests for funding for the Law Library that the Dean and funding office members can take to potential donors.

Report to Library Council

Sandy Dwyer
Director, Libraries HR
April 2017

Michael Duggan was the successful candidate for the Instructional Support Technician (2 Year Term) position. Mike will start in this position on May 1, 2017.

Courtney Boudreau was the successful candidate for the Limited-Term Instruction/Liaison Librarian: Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick. Courtney started in this position on April 1, 2017.

The posting for the Library and GIS Developer (SIT 2) closed on March 16, 2017. Members of the search committee are Marc Comeau, Gwendolyn MacNairn, Sandy Dwyer and Elaine MacInnis. Interviews will take place during the last week in April.

Linda Cormier's term position was extended until June 30, 2018 to fill the vacancy at MacRae. The position is at the C5 level and includes evening supervisory responsibilities.

The Health & Wellness Committee has once again organized teams from the Libraries to participate in the Spring In to Action Challenge. This event runs from April 10, 2017 – May 21, 2017. There are 2 teams this year the "Rare Bookers" and the "Dal Library Crusaders". We have a total of 19 participants.

The Health & Wellness Committee and the Diversity & Inclusion Committee have organized a Sushi Cooking class. The class will take place from 12 -1 pm on Monday, April 24, 2017. Our own Seungkyoo Lee will be our cooking instructor. The cost is \$15 and money raised will be donated to a local homeless shelter. There are 11 people signed up for this event.

The Health & Wellness Committee is working with Marlo Mackay to design posters to encourage Libraries staff to more move during the day. They are also working on designing drop cards for staff to use in the libraries to support the Scent free program at Dalhousie.

The Training and Development Working Group created a Training and Development Document that was sent out to all staff on April 5, 2017. Members of the group solicited feedback from libraries' staff as to the training and development opportunities they felt were needed. The Working Group put the list together and has indicated methods which staff can employ or which will be organized by the most appropriate person or group to address these needs. Some of these needs have already been addressed over the past year i.e. Customer service workshops, Leadership workshops; First Aid training; etc., but training & development is ongoing and workshops/courses will be repeated as necessary. Some of the learning opportunities listed are self-guided, others require signing up through Dalhousie University's Employee Learning and Development website and still others will be organized and provided for interested parties.

The Working Group will be meeting between now and the end of summer to set training/development priorities for the fall. Your input is always welcome and if you have suggestions please send them to, or speak with any member of the group, Sarah Jane Dooley, Jan Pelley, Alice Stover, Amanda Sparks, Jennifer MacIsaac, Charles Tourneur, Karen Tarum, Mick Bottom, Creighton Barrett or Sandy Dwyer.

There are currently 2 vacancies at the Libraries that we will be hiring for: The Weekend Supervisor (LA3) position at the Kellogg Library and the Evening Supervisor (C6) at the Killam Library. We will be submitting employment requisitions sometime over the coming week.

AUL Library Services & Head, MacRae Library
Highlights for Library Council
April 2017

MacRae Library

1. **Student Learning Commons** – The project will be going before the Board for approval in June. In addition to collaborative study spaces and study rooms, the Learning Commons will include a multi-functional Program Room, self-serve café and multi-cultural spaces. The Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association (DASA) will be relocated to spaces in the Learning Commons as well.
2. **MacRae Library Advisory Committee** – An advisory committee has recently been established for the MacRae Library. In addition to representation from each of the departments in the Faculty of Agriculture, there is representation from undergrad and graduate students, International and Extended Learning as well as the Associate Deans. The first meeting, which was very well attended, focused on updating the members regarding the space assessment, collections development, staffing and the Student Learning Commons Project.
3. **ATTSVE Library Project** – Books for the ATVET colleges in Ethiopia have been coming in steadily and they'll be prepared for bulk shipment this summer. The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL) Library has been acquired through grants for all of the four colleges. They are able to use this full-text resource without the need for internet. Furniture acquisitions for the libraries are also underway.
4. **Community Day 2017** – Mark the date in your calendars! Community Day will be held at the Agricultural Campus on Thursday, July 20th.

AUL Library Services

Below are some of the highlights in developments in the various areas. Further details will be provided in roundtable updates from the individual members of the team.

Access Services – Assessment of the Service Points is underway. This is beginning with an internal survey.

Advanced Reference Services – Lindsay has taken the lead with the Research Bootcamp this year. The sessions are finalized and registration is underway.

Assessment – There are many assessment projects currently underway. Follow-up assessments have been conducted at WMLC and CHEB and coding of the data is underway. The analysis of

**W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library
Highlights for Library Council
April 2017**

- 1) **DMNB Librarian:** Courtney Boudreau has started in Saint John as a maternity leave replacement for Jackie Phinney. Courtney can be reached at: Courtney.Boudreau@dal.ca 506-648-5693. James Evan Phinney was born Monday March 20th and both he and mum Jackie are doing well.
- 2) **Retirement of Kellogg Weekend Supervisor:** Jessica Scott has had a long career with the Dalhousie Libraries starting first with the Law Library before she moved to the Kellogg Library. Jessica has been keeping up her weekend work with us as well as holding a full time job with CUPE. She will now have her weekends free to enjoy.
- 3) **Young Canada Works Grant Application:** Has been submitted.
- 4) **Art in the Kellogg Spaces:** Donna Bourne-Tyson, Gail Fraser and Ann Barrett met with Michele Gallant from the Dalhousie Art Gallery to consider possible art pieces for library spaces. Michele has been around to discuss placement of selected works and they will be hung in the coming weeks.
- 5) **Kellogg 50th Anniversary:** Plans ongoing.
- 6) **Collection:**
 - a) Collection Adjustment for Compact Shelving: Collection gates are now lockable.
 - b) Some journal weeding of materials continue and the purchase of a backfile of Methods in Enzymology has allowed the Kellogg and the Killam library to remove their print holdings.
 - c) The sub-basement journal collection has been compacted and materials have started to come back from off-site storage. This should be completed by the end of April.
- 7) **Assessment of both Kellogg Spaces:** The assessment has been completed and data is being entered and coded. The analysis and report writing will start to take place soon.
- 8) **After Hours Card Access for Students in Health Disciplines – Pilot of a new service:**

This pilot is close to being launched as we finish up some final process details.
- 9) **All Kellogg Staff Meeting:** Took Place on Friday April 7. Activities took place including: *Styles at Work* presented and lead by Lindsay McNiff, discussion of recent space assessments; and brainstorming about making our two Kellogg spaces work better together.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Barrett

University of King's College Highlights
Library Council Report
April 2017

What's New at the Library and at King's

- We were successful in our YCW grant application and will be hiring a student for six weeks this summer to help with digitization projects.
- We have extended hours until April 23rd.
- Our SIM practicum student started on April 17th.
- We are looking at some summer projects to utilize data from Green Glass.
- Our evening supervisor, Sadie Richards' last day is on April 28th.
- King's announced its honorary degree recipients for Encaenia in May – Mary Lu Redden and the Honourable Jacqueline R. Matheson

Senate report to Library Council 2017-04-20

Submitted by Robin Parker, Dalhousie Libraries Senator

Refers to Senate meetings March 27, April 10

Every meeting now starts with the statement: “Dalhousie University sits on traditional territory of Mi’kmaq People.”

Note that Dal News now publishes Senate highlights after each meeting – for example, see <https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/04/13/senate-highlights---april-10.html>

Senate business

- New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts, Law, Justice and Society, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences*
 - o Passed after presentation and very little discussion
- Indigenous Strategy Steering Committee: Universities Canada Principles on Indigenous Education*
 - o passed
- Draft US Public Health Service Research Misconduct Policy*
 - o Updating existing policy on research misconduct for US PHS – but dated – updated 2001 (NIH funding – maybe 2 researchers currently)
 - o Used recently revised policy on scholarly misconduct (June 2016) as a model
 - o US PHS is very explicit regarding what it considers research misconduct (narrower than used elsewhere – like in our broader Scholarly Misconduct policy)
- Draft Policy on Policies
 - o Passed
- 200th Anniversary Update
 - o Use for recruitment
 - o See faculty champions for more info or input
- Senate Learning and Teaching Committee: Draft Academic Syllabus Policy*
 - o Passed after much discussion
 - o Removed section about having central repository due to concerns regarding faculty intellectual property
- Discussion regarding Senate review of BRC highlighted the issues with communication and support for research at the institution (Dal) broadly – infrastructure and culture makes it hard to cross over and know what is going on in other areas
- Research funding: Do ok overall, but areas for improvement in funding from Province and funding from NGOs.

Senate chair reports

1. Highlight grad incentive from government
 2. Congratulations to Dr. Sherry Pictou who recently defended PhD and is in first handful of Mi’kmaq PhD. Had Mi’kmaq external examiner. Dissertation: Decolonizing Mi’kmaq memory of treaty...
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2. Relationships – visiting faculty councils

Head of Killam – April 2017 report:

Leading in to the Easter weekend, the Killam building was very busy with students engaged in end-of-year work and exam preparation. Even with increased patrols from Security to discourage theft, some unattended belongs were stolen.

GreenGlass update: Using reports from GreenGlass manipulated to identify duplicate items, 715 items (equivalent to 20.5 shelves) have been deaccessioned from Q-QE & T sections of the 3rd floor. The science librarians will be tackling the remaining R and Q sections in the coming months. Access services will begin shift-to-fit in the Q-QE in May.

Intern co-supervisors Roger Gillis & Lindsay McNiff are working on the interns' project schedule. To start the process, everyone who proposes a project attends a meeting to make a Dragon's Den type pitch for their project – why it is needed, how much time it will take and needed completion date. Over the last two years, the project meeting has led to cross-linkages between projects, and the collaborative discussion has improved many of the project ideas and outcomes.

WMLC Assessment data gathering is complete. We'll be working with our student interns to code & analyze the comment cards over the summer. Michelle Paon is preparing the summary of the observational studies.

Library staff were saddened to learn of the illness and death of long-serving Access Services employee Janet Larsen. Janet began her career in the Dalhousie Libraries in the MacDonald Science library over 30 years ago. She was a former stacks supervisor in the Killam and was one of our Access Services evening/weekend supervisors at the time of her death. Hard-working and cheerful, Janet is very much missed by her Access Services colleagues.

Sarah Stevenson