

Library Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2012, Room 1198, McCain Building, 9:30-11:00

Present: Jennifer Adams, Linda Aiken, Ann Barrett, Creighton Barrett, Linda Bedwell, James Boxall, Geoff Brown, Ian Colford, Marc Comeau, Sarah Jane Dooley, Sandra Dwyer, Mark Lewis, Melissa Helwig, Oriel MacLennan, Lindsay McNiff, Heather MacFadyen, Joyline Makani, Anne Matthewman, David Michels, Michael Moosberger, Gwyn Pace, Michelle Paon, Marlo MacKay, Gwendolyn MacNairn, Robin Parker, Karen Smith, Janice Slauenwhite, Sarah Stevenson.

Regrets: Donna Bourne-Tyson, Allison Fulford, Elaine MacInnis

The guest speaker, Dr. John Newhook, Associate Vice President Research was invited to give his presentation before the meeting commenced. Topic: Research Strategy for Dalhousie. The presentation PowerPoint is available at S:\Library\Share\Library Council\Documents\Research Discussion with Library.pptx

1. The Agenda was adopted with the addition of the University Librarian's comments which were sent by email.
2. Minutes of September 11, 2012 were approved with corrections in spelling and to item 9j.
3. Business arising:
 - Terms of Reference for Library Council Committees have been corrected and saved at: S:\Library\Share\Library Council\Documents\Revised ToR\
 - Michael M. attended a conference recently where 3 different tools for converting documents to PDF-A were compared. One clearly stood out from the others and he will share this information with interested parties.
4. Joyline spoke about the Dalhousie Data Archiving Survey results report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report will be presented to the DRAC at their October 23rd meeting. There will also be more analysis done, in particular a closer examination of the return on investment of the project. Library Council will put this topic on a future agenda to hear about followup activities. Joyline referred to a relevant letter to the editor in Nature, here is the citation:
Data archiving is a good investment. Piwowar, H.A.; Vision, T.J.; Whitlock, M.C. Nature. 5/19/2011, 473 (7347), p285-285. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/473285a>
5. Marlo spoke about the Experts@Dal resource and the fact that there are no librarians participating. Some members of council mentioned that they tried but were not allowed to have a profile. Marlo will mention this to Donna. If anyone is interested in declaring themselves as an expert they should notify Marlo. There is free media training available to participants in Experts@Dal.
6. Librarians' Moment (submitted by email):

- The NS Regional Repository initiative, championed by Dal and Novanet, will be submitting a letter of intent to apply for funding from the provincial government; deadline is October 17th. Last week I presented the initiative to CONSUP and there was general approval of the initiative based on the feasibility study by Deloitte. I'll be presenting to the Vice-Presidents with Bill Slauenwhite next week.

- CRKN AGM was last week, with several of us in attendance, and the search for the new ED continues, interviews held in Ottawa last Friday.

- ACS subscription has been renewed for one year; we need to work on a plan for accessing the materials after that, could be a regional cooperative effort.

- The United Way campaign starts tomorrow, and your pledge form could make the difference for lives in Halifax, and also for the Dal Libraries' plan to take back the Turtle.

- Looking forward to discussing the Operational Review recommendations with everyone in the next month or so.

- Don't forget the All Staff meeting next week on the 18th!

7. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 November 2012. The date has been altered due to scheduling conflicts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.