



Date: October 21, 2016

To: Barbara H. Eccles, General Counsel and University Secretary

From: Karen Keiller, University Librarian
Chair, Librarians' Council

Subject: Librarian Member of Senate

At the October 19, 2016 meeting of the Librarians' Council the following motion was passed unanimously:

Motion:

"I move that the Chair, Librarians' Council write the University Secretary to request that a librarian be elected to the University Senate."

Moved: Moira Davidson
Seconded: Janice Mutz

Motion carried unanimously.

Present at the meeting of October 19 were all professional librarians with appointments to Lakehead University: Debra Gold, Moira Davidson, Janice Mutz, Gisella Scalese, Christopher Tomasini, Val Gibbons, Louise Wuorinen, Jason Zou, Trudy Russo, Sara Janes.

Given the importance of Senate's responsibility for the educational policy of the University, such as academic decisions about programs, course content, and conferring degrees and also given that librarians participate in the teaching and instruction of students through classroom instruction and tutorials, both in person and online, Librarians' Council agrees that librarians should participate fully in the academic governance of the University. Although the University Librarian is an ex-officio member of Senate, in the same way that the Deans and Chairs are members of Senate, this is not the same as the participation of elected faculty and librarian members.

We also discussed how a librarian would be appointed or elected to Senate, but concluded that these procedures best be decided by the appropriate committees. If requested, Librarians' Council would make the selection.

Thank-you for your consideration and I would be happy to discuss this with you (or the appropriate committee(s)) further and you are also welcome to attend a meeting of Librarians' Council.