

Report of the Senate Library Committee

The Senate Library Committee held a meeting on February 11, 2016.

The SLC discussed revisions to its Terms of Reference in response to feedback received from SOC on previously proposed amendments.

MOVED that items 1 and 2 of the Composition of the SLC be changed as follows:

- “1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic), if the Provost is absent, the Deputy Provost may attend meetings as a voting member.**
2. Vice-President (Research & Innovation), if the Vice-President is absent, the Associate Vice-President may attend meetings as a voting member.**”

The revised Terms of Reference will be forwarded to the Senate Organization Committee.

The committee heard reports and provided feedback on a number of issues pertaining to the library including:

- Weeding: The library is in the process of planning and putting into action a review of the print materials of levels 3 and 4 of the Paterson library, leaving bookmarks on texts that could potentially be weeded (duplications, outdated textbooks, etc.). The library will be contacting library representatives from departments prior to reviewing these materials and will provide lists of possible items to weed both to the representatives and on the library's blog. A consultation period of three-four weeks (with opportunities for extensions) before the books are removed was discussed in the meeting.
- Copyright: Implications of the upcoming end to the university's deal with Access Copyright were discussed, especially the impact on the production of course packs and the potential to move to placing such materials on D2L. Under Access Copyright, faculty were allowed to copy up to 20% of a book. Fair dealing guidelines are generally considered less than that. Readings that exceed the fair dealing guidelines will require copyright permission, which could take a bit longer and slow down the production of course packs. The University Librarian expressed her desire for the library to serve as the first point of contact for faculty and other university users with concerns about licensing and fair use.
- The University Librarian provided a report on plans for updates to the Paterson library space including the recent incorporation of the TSC Help Desk.
- The University Librarian also reported on the hiring of the university's first full-time archivist, Sara Janes, who will be starting on March 1st.
- Concerns were raised about shrinking book budgets and the University Librarian reported that efforts were being made to protect the acquisitions budget as much as possible and provided details on the pressures being produced by the current value of the Canadian dollar.

Respectfully submitted,

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