



## MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate  
From: Dr. Daniel Hannah - Chair, Senate Nominations Committee  
Senate Meeting Date: May 11, 2016  
Subject: Senate Library Committee Report

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The Senate Library Committee held a meeting on March 24, 2016.

The SLC discussed the proposed terms of reference for a new Senate Teaching, Learning and Technology Committee with guest speaker, Dr. Donald Kerr.

The SLC offered feedback and suggested minor revisions to the draft. The committee also discussed reviewing its Terms of Reference once the new committee is established.

The following motion was put forward and carried:

That the Senate Library Committee supports, in principle, the creation of a new Senate committee dedicated to promoting excellence in teaching and learning at Lakehead University.

Senate Library Committee has considered the attached draft Terms of Reference of such a committee, and should such a committee be formed with comparable Terms of Reference, we would recommend maintaining the Senate Library Committee as it is currently constituted as a distinct Senate Committee.

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The Senate Library Committee held another meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Daniel Hannah announced that he would be standing down as Chair of the committee as of July 1<sup>st</sup>; the committee will be looking to elect a new chair electronically before that date.

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

- ELP: The English Language Program and the International Centre will be moving to the ground floor of the Paterson Library. Construction is set to start on June 1. To

make room, the library is clearing out bound periodicals on the second floor and moving lesser used material to the off-site storage facility at Big Thunder. The bound periodicals are also located online in trusted digital repositories (where we have perpetual access and ownership). The CODOC and government documents collection is moving up to second, with some material going to Big Thunder. The classrooms being built on the ground floor will be open study rooms for students when not being used for classes.

Research: There has been a large increase in Research Consultations—connecting liaison librarians with students—over the last year after changes to the booking system. Some faculty have been actively promoting the service as part of assessments and other faculty are also welcome to do so as a means for encouraging students to engage with the research resources of the library.

Archives: The library's new archivist, Sara Janes, has launched [archives.lakeheadu.ca](http://archives.lakeheadu.ca), a database of archival descriptions. Digitization of some of the archives will begin in the summer.

- Budget: The library was asked to make a 3.65 percent cut for 16/17. It did so mostly through cutting vacant positions. The library will need to make some cuts to the material budget in the coming year. The goal is to protect the monograph budget and make cuts to databases and serials. The committee encouraged the library to engage in consultation with faculties whose research could be impacted by the loss of such resources.

Copyright: Preparations are well underway for a post-Access Copyright world (as of August 31, 2016). The library has a new copyright guide (<http://libguides.lakeheadu.ca/copyright/>) and there is a course in D2L for faculty and students. Content will be added to the course in the coming months. Feedback is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Daniel Hannah (Chair)