



**Committee: GFC Library Committee**

**GFC Standing Committee Report for July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017**

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**To:** Jodie Gallais, University Secretariat

**From:** Christopher J. Nicol, Chair,  
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**RE: Annual Report from GFC Library Committee, 2016/17**

The GFC Library Committee continued to be very active during 2016/17, with six regularly-scheduled meetings having been held, on: September 28, October 26, and November 30, 2016; then on March 1, March 29, and April 26, 2017. In addition, a Joint Meeting was held on January 25, 2017, attended by the members of the GFC Library Committee, Professional Librarians and Subject Area Liaison academic staff member representatives who deal directly with Subject Area Professional Librarians, Library services Supervisors, and a number of Department Chairs/Area Coordinators. Members of the GFC Library Committee also attended the Library Retreat on May 2, 2017.

The Joint Meeting of January 25, 2017 was devoted to a Panel Discussion around Open Educational Resources (OER), facilitated by a librarian, and with panel members from the Library, the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Teaching Centre and the Students' Union. An outcome of the workshop was a commitment to seek to make progress on developing more formal efforts to support the use of OER at the University.

The main business theme of the annual University Library Retreat was a facilitated workshop pertaining to Library facility re-development. This workshop was initiated in light of significant layout changes that were to occur in the summer months, 2017, whereby most of the Library's physical collection has now been re-located to L9, in high-density stack storage arrays. This was a Strategic Priority Fund initiative, through the 2017/18 University budget.

With the change to the one-year cycle for the University Academic Plan (UAP) to a three-year plan, the Library Academic Plan (LAP) was also re-developed, in relation to facility layout changes, and staff renewal plans, owing to a series of technical staff and librarian retirements over the past year.

Specific items of business which the GFC Library Committee dealt with this year included the following: (1) budgetary priorities pertaining to Strategic Priorities, particularly with reference to facility re-development, student assistant budgetary support, and coverage of the costs of transactional licenses in the changing copyright environment; (2) the possible introduction of a Part in the University Calendar specific to the University Library – the University Library is currently the only academic unit that is not represented in the Calendar; (3) point (2) relates to continuing discussions around the more formalised delivery of information literacy instruction, via a range of means; (4) strengthening of the linkages between information literacy instruction with Liberal Education, particularly as this relates to the emergence of the new School of Liberal Education; (5) the outcome of planning to fill University Voluntary Exit Programme (VEP) positions in the Library, and how this can support provision of new, changing and existing Library services; (6) the Library continues to be involved in a range of consortial initiatives pertaining to collection management and collection use, in particular, the shared print archive network (SPAN), and the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) Journal Usage Project (JUP); (7) Library support of research and teaching activities of academic staff through the Library Research Services Group and the Centre for the Study of Scholarly Communication; and (8) additional institutional focus on Open Education Resources (OER), as a complement/counterpart to Open Access publication of scholarly materials and research.

In the current year, we will be reviewing a number of Library policies and guidelines, building on our relationship with the Office of Research and Innovation Services (ORIS), formalizing and expanding our instructional activities, and engaging in further planning pertaining to Library facility re-development.



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