



**Committee: GFC LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

**GFC Standing Committee Report for July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013**

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**To:** Jodie Black, University Secretariat

**From:** Christopher J. Nicol, Chair,  
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**RE: Annual Report from GFC Library Committee, 2012/13**

The GFC Library Committee had an unusually busy year during 2012/13, with six meetings having been held, on: October 25, November 20 and December 20, 2012; then on March 6, April 4 and May 9, 2013. In addition, a Joint Meeting was held on January 31, 2013, 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. The Joint Meeting was also open to and attended by Department Chairs, and Subject Area Coordinators from Faculties.

The Committee also successfully recommended to GFC the addition of an *ex officio* Library representative to the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee. The continuing presence of such a member ensures that Library-related issues pertaining to curricular change can be better managed.

Main items of business which the GFC Library Committee dealt with during this past academic year included: Library governance structures; the proposal to develop informal learning spaces across campus, with the Library playing a central role in this respect; a report on processes relating to collection and acquisition management; budgetary process changes, and resultant implications for the Library; reporting on the development of a Library Academic Plan (now complete); a proposal to institute Joint Meetings more frequently; the creation and functioning of the new Library Advisory Committee; reporting items for the GFC Library Committee Agenda, to better inform members of Library activities; and a summary of various Library access statistics.

As noted above, the Committee discussed the issue of the expansion of informal learning space requirements on campus, and the emphasis which this issue had taken *vis-à-vis* the Library and space therein. As GFC will know, this culminated with the Committee writing at length to GFC, in a memo of February 13, 2013, regarding how shortcomings in the approach to that date could be overcome. Given

that the Library was to be engaged in development of a Unit Academic Plan through the balance of 2012/13, it was affirmed that further detailed activity around this initiative would await the completion of this Plan.

As also noted above, the creation of the Library Advisory Committee was the catalyst for developing and completing the Library Unit Academic Plan. The Library held a very successful retreat of all staff on May 7, 2013, shortly after which the Academic Plan was completed. Two main elements in this Plan have to do with a review and likely re-structuring of the Library Information Literacy and Instruction Programme, as well as the Library Reference Services Programme. Further developments relative to these matters will be the subject of new discussions and reports at the GFC Library Committee, as we enter the 2013/14 academic year.



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