



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, 2017/18

The GFC Library Committee had an active year during 2017/18, with five regularly-scheduled meetings having been held, on: September 27, October 31, and November 29, 2017; then on March 7 and April 23, 2018. In addition, a Joint Meeting was held on January 30, 2018, 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 were also invited to attend the Library Retreat on June 25, 2018, with a theme of Indigenous Knowledge, and Indigenous Themed Spaces in the Library.

The Joint Meeting of January 30, 2018 was devoted to a discussions around Open Educational Resources (OER), author publication rights retention and Open Access publication promotion possibilities as elements of STP review processes. Subsequently, an Open Access Advisory Group was created comprised of Librarians and faculty members, to pursue the task of developing an Author Rights Retention Policy for the University. The GFC Library Committee discussions at subsequent meetings following the Joint Meeting resulted in the creation of a communication plan across the University, to disseminate information and answer common questions that arise in Author Rights Retention Policy creation discussions.

Other significant themes of the various GFC Library Committee meetings dealt with continued re-development planning of Library spaces, following the completion of conversion of L9 to high-density collection storage throughout, and the formal re-opening of University Archives and Special Collections on December 1, 2018, in recognition of the donation of the Dr. Robert Lampard Western Canadian Collection. The next phase of planning/change has to do with renovations to better support the Single Service Point mode of delivery for circulation, reference and technology support services, and the creation of twenty-four-hour study space on L10N. These last two initiatives were considered

for Strategic Priorities Fund support, but were unsuccessful in obtaining funding this year.

The GFC Library Committee also considered and adopted a revised Library Code of Conduct, and began a process to introduce more formal incorporation of Information Literacy instruction in introductory-level courses. Currently, both Writing 1000 and Liberal Education 1000 include such a component as part of the course. This year, discussions were begun with the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Dhillon School of Business to explore how such a component might be added to 1000-level courses in those Faculties.

In the course of the year, as well, we were able to finalise the re-structuring of staff assignments, leading to filling the remaining Voluntary Exit Programme (VEP) vacancies.

In the forthcoming year, we will making use of the newly-formed Library Curriculum Committee to augment the informal and formal instructional programme in the Library, as well as bringing a policy forward to GFC, pertaining to Author Rights Retention.



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