



GFC Standing Committee Report

GFC Library Committee

For the Period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Members: C. Nicol (Chair), O. Awosoga, B. Black, L. Connel, B. Cormier, H. Gray, M. Greenshields, H. Jansen, L. Kennedy, L. Kopp, M. Letts, W. Merkley, R. Stevens., L. Zink, R. Waldorf

Alternates: R. Graham, M. Ing, A. Iwaniuk, D. Kazakoff, C. Loewen, J. Lowe, E. Scott, W. Smith, D. Sirbu, R. Stark, H. Veldman

Recorder/Resource Person: J. Geneau

Meeting Overview: Because of the pandemic, GFC Library committee met via Zoom on 23 September 2020, 27 October 2020, 2 December 2020, 27 January 2021, 23 February 2021, 24 March 2021, and 28 April 2021.

Special Mention:

The GFC Library Committee was active and met regularly throughout the year, despite the pandemic. Members heard about and provided input into a variety of matters facing the Library, including the impact of budget cuts on staffing and acquisitions, the implementation of the Open Access policy approved by GFC in the previous year, and the work on developing a policy on research data management. GFC Library Committee also received a report on the annual LibQual survey of library patrons, which showed concern among respondents for the availability of academic resources and a desire for increased availability for study space. The Library has responded with the redevelopment of the north part of the Library into a 24 hour study space. The Committee also heard of the Library's work to provide services and access to the collection during the pandemic, as well as details of plans to reopen the Library location once it is safe to do so. Finally, GFC Library Committee was kept apprised of significant changes in the leadership of the Library, with both C. Nicol and W. Markley embarking on administrative leave, starting on July 1, 2021. In April, H. Jansen was announced as Interim University Librarian. A search committee was struck to appoint a new Associate University Librarian to replace W. Merkley.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Harold Jansen, Interim University Librarian