GFC Standing Committee Report

GFC Library Committee

For the Period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Members: H. Jansen (Chair), B. Cormier, R. Craig, P. Dutt, L. Kennedy, L. Kopp. M. Letts, D. Miller, J. Nugent, R. Parkkari, A. Takam, H. Veldman

Alternates: A. Adenu-Mensah, S. Cowan, S. Dersch, R. Graham, A, Iwaniuk, J. Lowe, R. Marynowski, M. Nixon, A. Stuart-Edwards, S. Scott

Recorder/Resource Person: J. Geneau

Meeting Overview: GFC Library committee met via Zoom on 29 September 2021, 26 October 2021, 25 January 2021, 29 March 2021, and 27 April 2021.

Special Mention:

The GFC Library Committee met regularly and discussed a variety of Library matters, including the new 24 hour study space, recent developments in the jurisprudence around copyright law in Canada and how they might affect the University, patterns of Library usage and how they have affected decisions around staffing, hours, and models of service. GFC Library Committee's input was sought into the development of a Research Data Management strategy, and in the site visit for the external reviewers as part of the Library's Academic Quality Assurance Review. GFC Library Committee completed two formal pieces of business. The first was a revision to the Library's donations policy that indicates that the Library will only accept donations that complement existing collections and support the current scholarly efforts of the university, but will not normally accept donations for the main library collection. Second, GFC Library committee heard and passed on to GFC the Open Access report that indicates increasing use of the University Library's Open Access Repository (OPUS), but also shows that there is still room for growth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee members for their interest in the Library's work and input into the decisions that needed to be made as well as to Jackie Geneau for her work in organizing the committee's meetings and keeping its records.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Harold Jansen, Interim University Librarian