



GFC Standing Committee Report

GFC Library Committee

For the Period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Members: H. Jansen (Chair), C. Chasse, B. Cormier, S. Cowan, G. DeSteur, N. Eva, Q. Han, R. Marynowski, D. Miller, A. Medina Garcia, J. Nugent, J. Otto, R. Stevens, A. Takam, L. Zink

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Recorder/Resource Person: J. Geneau

Meeting Overview: GFC Library Committee held hybrid meetings on September 27, 2022, November 22, 2022, January 25, 2023, February 28, 2023, March 28, 2023, and April 25, 2023.

Special Mention:

The GFC Library Committee met regularly and discussed a variety of Library matters and was an important source of advice for how to implement and communicate some critical decisions about Library operations. The most critical input was feedback on the Library's proposed plan to achieve a balanced budget; committee members provided invaluable input on the potential impact of certain database cancellations. The Committee heard about a number of technical changes to the Library, including the progress on the conversion of collection tagging to RFID, an upgrade to OPUS (the open access repository) and a shift to a cloud-based proxy service that impacted links to reserve readings. The Committee heard a presentation on the development of the draft strategy around Research Data Management and provided important feedback about understanding the scope of that policy, particularly around Humanities research. GFC Library Committee also discussed and approved a motion to recommend that Emeritus status be available to professional librarians when they retire; this was passed on to the University Secretariat as input for the broader review of the policy.

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, University Librarian