

University Library Advisory Council

Meeting #2: Friday December 14, 2012

Present: Claude Eilers (Chair), Janice Adlington, Gord Beck, James Benn, Rita Cossa, David Earn, Vivian Lewis, Peter Miu, Debbie Trebych

Guests: Jill Axisa, Dale Askey, Lynne Serviss

1. Welcome, Introductions & House Keeping (C. Eilers)

A page has been created on the Library's public website for the Council at: <http://library.mcmaster.ca/content/university-library-advisory-committee-ulac-0>. In keeping with the agreed-upon process, minutes from the last meeting were forwarded to members for approval via e-mail. The revised minutes were posted to the public website shortly thereafter.

2. Updates from the Acting University Librarian (V. Lewis)

- a. **New Hires:** **Gabriela Mircea** will assume the new role of Digital Repository Librarian on December 17, 2012. In this capacity, Gabriela will support and develop the various repository systems in use at the Library and promote these systems to the greater university community and beyond. Gabriela joins us from the University of Toronto where she worked as a Scholarly Communication Services Administrator.

David Kemper assumes the new position of Digital Experience Librarian on February 4, 2013. David will provide general oversight for the Library's myriad public online interfaces and Web services. David joins us from the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal Quebec where he worked as an Information Officer managing website content development, providing day to day management of web operations, conducting client needs assessment, providing institutional staff training and technical support and also supervising a web services team.

- b. **New Postdoctoral Fellow:** **Brock Dubbels** began his Postdoctoral fellowship in Computing and Software Engineering and the University Library in November, 2012. Brock will focus his work on the use of software design in gaming and teaching. He will be actively engaged with the Sherman Centre and other Library initiatives.
- c. **New Committee Appointments:** The University Librarian has been added to two important university committees: Deans & Provosts (D/P) and President, Vice-Presidents & Deans (PVPD).
- d. **ClimateQUAL:** The Library conducted ClimateQUAL, a standardized online survey of staff perceptions of workplace climate, in February 2012. Staff-led teams are now conducting focus groups with an aim of identifying key priorities for the coming year.

- e. **Services and Staffing - *Mapping our Future*:** The Library continues to work through a comprehensive review of services and staffing. V. Lewis will forward the draft document via e-mail to this group for comment before the end of the year.

3. Research Library 2030 Symposium (V. Lewis & J. Axisa)

The Provost has asked the Library to organize a symposium to educate the campus community about the future of the research library – in preparation for the selection of a new University Librarian.

The Provost has invited David Attis (University Leadership Council and primary author of “Redefining the Academic Library”) to be the keynote speaker at this event. The proposed date is Friday March 1, 2013.

V. Lewis will post a copy of the report to the ULAC webpage.

4. Sherman Centre (D. Askey)

The facility was designated as an official Research Centre in Fall 2012. The official opening of the Centre was celebrated on October 30, 2012. Dr. Sandra LaPointe has been appointed as the first Academic Director of the Centre.

Centre staff members are now focusing their attention on building campus awareness. Work is underway to hold THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) in the Sherman Centre in 2014.

5. Online Learning (G. Beck and L. Serviss)

G. Beck and L. Serviss delivered a short presentation and demo of the Library’s online learning modules. A copy of the slides will be posted to the ULAC web page.

The members saw clear value in moving foundational and repetitive components of instruction to an online format, but favour a truly blended model (incorporating opportunities for connecting with librarians and other library professionals for higher-level instruction).

6. Members’ Queries – NONE (C. Eilers)

7. Selection Process for University Librarian (C. Eilers)

Panel was approved by Senate in November. Includes P. Miu, J. McDermid and C. Eilers from ULAC. An additional member was approved by Senate earlier this week but has not been publicly announced as yet.

8. Other Business - NONE (C. Eilers)

9. Next meeting / adjournment (C. Eilers)

Group will meet during the Spring exam period unless other issues arise.