

Standing Committee Report to Senate

February 13, 2014

Senate Library Committee

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2014



Discussion:

➤ **Digital Scholarship**

Prior to the meeting a report entitled “e-Research: a Queen’s University Library Strategic Agenda” was circulated for the Senate Library Committee members to read. Sharon Murphy, Head, Academic Services, provided an excellent overview of ongoing digital scholarship activities and opportunities. Specific topics discussed were as follows: data management, scholarly communication and collaboration with the research community. Senate Library Committee members offered observations on student and faculty experiences with digital resources and new forms of scholarship.

➤ **University Librarian’s Update**

Strategic priorities are being supported in recruitment for several key positions this winter: Head, Discovery and Technology Services; Curator, Special Collections; Scholarly Publishing Librarian; and Open Government Librarian. The Library’s Teaching and Learning Working Group is working with people across the library on an ‘inquiry toolkit’ that could be used in working with faculty on the development of any form of course, including blended and online. The 8th annual Inquiry@Queen’s Undergraduate Research Conference is coming up March 6-7, 2014 (<http://www.queensu.ca/iatq/index.html>). Held with the Queen’s Learning Commons in Stauffer Library, this is an annual showcase of independent or course-based undergraduate research, involving students and faculty from departments across Queen’s. The Library and Archives Master Plan (LAMP) was approved by Queen’s Board of Trustees on December, 6, 2013. Implementation planning has begun and includes a team in Advancement. The Senate Library Committee will be asked to include LAMP implementation on its annual roster of agenda items and in its annual reports to Senate.

➤ **Acquisitions Budget**

A faculty member raised concerns, and questions were addressed, regarding the acquisitions budget. The acquisitions budget has not received an increase since 2007-08. Decisions to purchase resources are based on collection assessment and research and academic program priorities. Given inflationary increases in the cost of resources, a flat budget represents a decrease in purchasing power and a decrease in ability to acquire requested new resources. The recent drop in value of the Canadian dollar has exacerbated the situation, and spending has been reduced in the last quarter of this fiscal year. Acquisition budget requests are included in the university’s annual budget planning cycle and are considered in relation to other university priorities.

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