Date: 9 April 2018

To: Julia Eastman, University Secretary

From: Simon Devereaux, Chair, Senate Committee on Libraries

Re: 2017-18 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Libraries

The Senate Committee on Libraries (SCL) met seven times during the 2017-18 academic year, critically reviewing a wide array of the services provided by the Libraries. Some of these services are new; others undergo regular review and adaptation in response to new technologies and the evolving expectations of stakeholders. The polices and services reviewed this past year included:

1. The 2017 decision to merge the Curriculum Library with the Main Library. It was stressed that the Curriculum collection will retain a distinct space and identity within the Main Library.

2. New and continuing electronic initiatives such as: ORCID (Open Researcher & Contributor ID), connecting researchers via a system of globally unique research IDs; Research Data Management (RDM); an Institutional Repository (IR) for the research products of the university faculty, staff, and students; an extensive new Digital Scholarship Commons in the Mearns Centre; and a detailed presentation of the new Digital Information Fluency (DIF) Framework.

3. The Service Area Review Report (Aug 2017; the last such review was conducted in 2011). This was an external assessment of the quality of the Libraries across four criteria: Services, Space, People and Resources. The report was highly positive and seventeen recommendations were made, all of which were accepted and are being acted upon.

4. Libraries Strategic Planning, which is refining and accelerating its information-gathering processes as of this moment (spring 2018).

5. A nationwide survey of journal usage via the Canada Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), which was presented by Lisa Petrachenko and David Boudinot (Acquisitions & Electronic Reserves Librarian). There was also discussion of Open Access (OA) strategies; an indispensable resource in an increasingly interconnected world, OA remains a major priority for the Libraries moving ahead.
6. A detailed review of the Libraries’ Loan Policy (the first since 2010) was presented, reviewed in detail, and approved by the SCL.

The work of the SCL could not proceed without the ongoing labour and contribution of many members of the library administration. In addition to the people noted in the numbered items above, I would like to acknowledge the ongoing work of Lisa Goddard, Inba Kehoe, Kim Nayyer, Lisa Petrachenko and, of course, Sheila Cresswell (Secretary in the University Librarian’s Office) and University Librarian Jonathan Bengtson. As Chair of the SCL, I salute them and thank them all for their tireless work on behalf of the University of Victoria and its community.

**Membership**

During the 2017-18 academic year, the Senate Committee on Libraries (SCL) comprised the following members:

**Faculty Representatives**

- Simon Devereaux, Humanities (Chair)
- Miranda Angus, Continuing Studies
- Paul Bramadat, Council for Centre Directors
- Nicholas Chen, UVSS [through Dec 2017; successor TBD]
- Robert Howell, Law
- Andre Kushniruk, Human & Social Devel.
- Jamie Lawson, Social Sciences
- Kirk McNally, Fine Arts
- Louise Page, Science
- Sylvia Pantaleo, Education
- Elena Pnevmonidou, Grad Studies
- Diana Popova, Graduate Students’ Society
- Venkatesh Srinivasan, Engineering
- Pia Russell, Libraries
- Leigh Anne Swayne, Medical Sciences
- Hao Zhang, Business

**Ex-officio members**

- Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian
- Sheila Cresswell, Secretary (University Librarian’s Office)
- Lisa Goddard, Associate University Librarian (Digital Scholarship & Strategy)
- Kim Nayyer, Associate University Librarian (Law)
- Wency Lum, Chief Information Officer
- Lisa Petrachenko, Associate University Librarian (Learning & Research Resources)
- T.B.D., President’s Nominee

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Simon Devereaux, Chair SCL (2017-18)