

Date: 8 April 2019

To: Kathy MacDonald, Office of the University Secretary

From: Simon Devereaux, Chair, Senate Committee on Libraries

Re: 2018-19 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Libraries

The Senate Committee on Libraries (SCL) met five times during the 2018-19 academic year, and we have two more meetings scheduled before breaking for the summer. The SCL continues to maintain oversight of the wide array of services provided by the University of Victoria 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 include:

1. The Libraries are pursuing rationalization and preservation strategies via the *Shared Print Archive Network* (SPAN), which is being devised in conjunction with fellow members of the Council of Prairie & Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL).
2. *Web Archiving* practices, given the fluidity and impermanence of conventional websites, as well as the continuing pressures upon shelf space and consequent impetus towards the digitization of collections.
3. An ongoing review of *journal usage*, in conjunction with the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) with a view to focussing journal subscriptions upon genuinely indispensable titles, rather than the increasingly unsustainable largescale bundles which consortia seek to prescribe.
4. The ongoing development of *Research Data Management* (RDM) strategies with a view to facilitating those largescale data systems which are increasingly central to modern research methods and outputs. A detailed list of recommendations for implementation by both the Libraries and the University was reviewed in October 2018, and the results of a campus-wide survey of knowledge and practices was reviewed at the December meeting.

5. A systemic review of the role of *Departmental Library Faculty Representatives* (DLFR) across the university.
6. A detailed review of present and prospective publishing activities by (and in conjunction with) the Libraries under the rubric of *KULA: Knowledge Creation, Dissemination, and Preservation Studies* (kula.uvic.ca).
7. A detailed review of current progress on the contribution of the Libraries to the university's *Indigenous Plan* was presented at the December meeting. The February meeting also received and reviewed a presentation on Digital Ethics and Reconciliation, with a view to devising preservation and presentation strategies that will respect the rights and priorities of indigenous communities.
8. A detailed review of *Social Media* systems and practices in the Libraries was presented to, and reviewed by, the February meeting.
9. A detailed review of the many strategies pursued by the Libraries to promote *Student Success*, including extensive renovations to the space allocated to Special Collections & Archives, the Reserves Room, and the Learning Commons, as well as the provision a widening variety of technical and instructional resources.

The SCL notes with gratitude the extensive work and detailed presentations received this year from Lisa Abram, Shailoo Bedi, Lisa Goddard, Matt Huculak, Inba Kehoe, Shahira Khair, Kim Nayyer, Lisa Petrachenko, Jacqueline Quinless, Caron Rollins, Karine St Onge, and Kevin Tunnicliffe.

We also noted with regret the impending departure of Kim Nayyer to a new appointment at Cornell University, wishing her the very best in her future endeavours.

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 above, I would like to acknowledge Wency Lum (Chief Information Officer), Sheila Cresswell (Secretary in the University Librarian's Office), and University Librarian Jonathan Bengtson. As Chair of the SCL, and on behalf of the university community, I thank them all for their continuing service.

Membership

During the 2018-19 academic year, the Senate Committee on Libraries (SCL) comprised the following members:

Faculty Representatives

Simon Devereaux, Humanities (Chair)
Miranda Angus, Continuing Studies
Peter Driessen, Engineering
Robert Howell, Law
Jamie Lawson, Social Sciences (on leave
Sept-Dec 2018)
Myles Mailet, Graduate Students' Society
Richard Marcy, Human & Social
Development
Kirk McNally, Fine Arts
Adair Ng, Student Senator
Louise Page, Science (on leave Sept-Dec
2018)
Sylvia Pantaleo, Education
Elena Pnevmonidou, Grad Studies
Andrew Rowe, Council for Centre
Directors
Pia Russell, Libraries
Leigh Anne Swayne, Medical Sciences
Hao Zhang, Business

Ex-officio members

Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian
Lisa Goddard, Associate University
Librarian (Digital Scholarship &
Strategy)
Kim Nayyer, Associate University
Librarian (Law)
Lisa Petrachenko, Associate University
Librarian (Learning & Research
Resources)
Wency Lum, Chief Information Officer
Helene Cazes, President's Nominee
Sheila Cresswell, Secretary (University
Librarian's Office)



Simon Devereaux, Chair SCL (2018-19)