



Date: 26 March 2020
To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on Libraries
Re: **2019-2020 Annual Report**

The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Libraries define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Annually in May, the committee presents a report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Libraries (SCL) met six times during 2019-2020:

19th September 2019
24th October 2019
21st November 2019
19th December 2019
22nd January 2020
26th February 2020

The committee is due to meet on April 29 and May 20, 2020.

Issues considered over the course of the year

Membership of the SCL Appeals Sub-Committee *Open Scholarship Strategies*

At the September meeting, the committee established the membership of the SCL Appeals sub-committee and discussed tactics for more widely disseminating understanding of open scholarship as an increasingly central component of research dissemination. Despite our university's high standing in the international measure of this practice (2nd in Canada), many dimensions of core practice are still not widely understood. Open Education Resources (OER) also contributed to the discussion.

Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN) *Copyright Update*

At the October meeting, the committee discussed UVic's membership of COPPUL (Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries) in jointly rationalizing holdings. Of 1.3 million items in our collection examined so far, 228,000 have been identified as rare and unique to UVic, which will become the designated "archive holder" of those materials for the regional network. Items eligible for weeding must be: (1) acquired prior to 2008; (2) circulated less than once since 1999; and (3) available in multiple copies across the network. Such items will be sent to Better World Books for forwarding to developing countries.

The committee was also informed of projects to determine UVic's usage of shared e-resources under CRKN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network), particularly e-journals, and developing strategies for rationalizing our financial commitments in ways designed to protect and maximize UVic's research productivity.



Finally, enforcement strategies for “best practices” were reviewed with respect to both e-book usage and delivery of course materials in teaching. The latter in particular is a subject of continuing efforts to better inform UVic faculty.

Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID)

At the November meeting, the committee discussed ORCID as a free, simple and very useful means whereby faculty and graduate students may advertise and disseminate their research via a not-for-profit platform. The Senate has endorsed its use, and about 800 faculty and graduate students currently maintain an account at this time (there are about seven million ORCID accounts worldwide). The ease with which an account can be established and maintained was demonstrated, and strategies for encouraging wider usage by the university community was discussed.

Special Collections & University Archives: Overview & Community Engagement

At the December meeting, the organization and maintenance of the materials in Special Collections, as well as the varied means of providing public access to them, were reviewed. So too were practices with respect to Records Management at the university, particularly rules for retention and maintaining confidentiality wherever necessary and appropriate.

New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO)

Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)

Faculty Newsletter

At the January meeting, the committee discussed NDRIO as a new nationwide organization to help support digital research. The SCL was informed about its administrative structure and governing arrangements.

The committee was apprised of the results of the first surveys regarding the Canadian Association of Research Libraries’ (CARL) budgeting, services, platforms and operating salaries, as well as its particular role in promoting Open Access.

The committee also received a detailed report as to the format and specifications of the library’s new Faculty Newsletter. The first two issues were published in September 2019 and January 2020.

Open Textbook initiatives

EDU perspective and Faculty Evaluation Policy

CARL Open Access Policy Template

At the February meeting, the committee received details of initiatives and institutional support with regard to open textbook formation.

The committee also received details of the Faculty of Education’s well-developed open access policies and procedures and an update to the CARL Open Access policy template.

The March meeting was cancelled owing to the COVID-19 crisis.

At the (currently scheduled) April and May meetings, the committee plans to review the following items:

- *Law Library (including the renewed search for a new subject librarian)*
- *Case for Support – DEV*
- *Digital Information Fluency Update*
- *Library Guides/Instruction Menu Update*

Continued Projects for the Upcoming Year

The work of the SCL this past year has been particularly focused upon monitoring continuing initiatives and innovations in the development of Open Access policies with regard to research, teaching, the provision of materials in the most up-to-date formats, and the means by which the individual and collective achievements of UVic faculty, librarians and students may best be disseminated throughout the world.

It has also reviewed progress towards the sensible and necessary rationalization of conventional library resources in the swiftly changing area of knowledge delivery.

All of this work will be carried forward and deepened in 2020-21.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the ongoing and outstanding work of University Librarian Jonathan Bengtson and Secretary Sheila Cresswell, and to express my gratitude to both the new and the continuing members of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
2019-2020 Senate Committee on Libraries

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