

Minutes of the Engineering & Science Library Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 11 am – 12 pm

Present: Morag Coyne (Engineering & Science Library), Lisa Gervais (recorder- Engineering & Science Library), Jeffrey Giacomini (Chemical Engineering), Noel James (Geological Sciences), Steve McKinnon (Mining Engineering), Nasser Saleh (Engineering & Science Library, Chair), Neal Scott (Geography), Peter Taylor (Mathematics & Statistics), Mike White (Engineering & Science Library), Gene Zak (Mechanical and Materials Engineering), Tatiana Zaraiskaya (Engineering & Science Library)

Regrets: James Fraser (Physics), Simon Hesp (Chemistry), Alice Hovorka (Environmental Studies), Il-Min Kim (Electrical and Computer Engineering), David Lamb (Computing), Wenyan Wu (Engineering & Science Library)

1. Approval of the agenda:

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes were approved.

3. Business arising from the minutes:

There was no business arising.

4. Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee:

Nasser Saleh introduced discussion for the revised terms of reference for the Library Advisory Committee for the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and the Library Advisory Committee for the Faculty of Arts and Science (Natural and Physical Sciences). The documents will be reviewed annually in order to ensure they align with the University's focus. It was noted that student membership is a vital component of this group. A discussion occurred which resulted in recommended amendments to the second and fourth bullets:

-bullet 2: "...a **physical and** virtual environment of information serves and resources..."

-bullet 4: removal of this bullet, as the library already promotes the University's international profile.

5. Discussion on Students' Engagement with the Library:

Mike White reported that Student Engagement was discussed at the last Senate Library Committee meeting. Advisory Committee members noted that Faculty engagement facilitates student engagement, such as providing assignments that require the students to visit the library. Student engagement occurs in a variety of ways, including, accessing the library's electronic and print resources; using the facilities (e.g. study rooms); and learning and developing lifelong skills, such as, finding and evaluating information. It was indicated the science students would benefit from additional resources to develop their writing skills, in addition to the services offered by the Writing Centre and the Dissertation Bootcamps.

6. Other Business:

It was agreed that the Advisory Committee meeting minutes would be emailed to members for approval shortly after the meeting rather than distributed at the following meeting. The fall meeting will include a report on library collections and Open Educational Resources.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.