

Senate Library Committee
September 15, 2020
Zoom

1. Chair's Remarks (A. Bowker)

It was noted by Chair Anne Bowker that much work has been done since the last meeting and focus remains on keeping things moving forward in a time of uncertainty.

2. University Librarian Update (A. Lannon)

University Librarian Amber Lannon introduces new Department Head, Cameron Metcalf.

It was noted that there is an intention to begin strategic planning work in the months ahead and a consultation process will be arranged at the next Senate Library Committee Meetings.

The presentation on the work on the Library plan open access was requested to be moved to the next meeting and this was accepted.

Chair Anne Bowker begins an introduction of new members and those on the call give a brief introduction of who they are.

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

a. April 28, 2020

Approval of minutes by Dr. Siobhain Calkin, Seconded by Dr. Tracey Lauriault

4. Library Access Update (A. Lannon)

a. Attachments "MacOdrum Library Access Update.pdf" and "Building infographic.png"

University Librarian Amber Lannon presents on the ways the Library has made access to our collection available throughout the pandemic. References curbside and HathiTrust. Amber discusses the building being open and the ways the Library are trying to balance being open with a capacity of 100 and being a space on campus that invites people to be here.

MacOdrum Library is making rules and expectations visible online and in as many places as and will continue to look for opportunities for this. Amber mentions the Library has not reached no more than 50 people so far.

5. Level 1 Update (G. Monast)

a. Adhoc Study Space and Security Gates

Building and Administrative Services Manager Gilles Monast gives update on the work on the Tunnel Junction Study Space. The work to modernize the space into new ad hoc study space began on Monday, Sept. 14 and is expected to be complete by the end of December.

This is part of a multi-phase plan to renew and upgrade student study spaces on campus that are designed to support learning principles, as well as focus on improving the student experience.

Part of the planning for this renovation includes an accessible entrance from the new study space into the library. The ad hoc space will be available 24/7.

University Librarian Amber Lannon also gives an update on the type of RFID (radio frequency identification) gates that will be used to count and monitor the Library. Discussion around how the space will look great but this is not a Library initiated project. It's always good to give more study space to students.

6. Graduate Student Concerns (A. Lannon)

a. "Students' concern about Library Access during COVID-19.pdf"; Library response to Concerns

University Librarian Amber Lannon outlines the response that was provided to the GSA around concerns around access they had earlier this year and the group effort that was put into making collections available and responding to concerns. Shows where we have responded.

MacOdrum Library has contacted the GSA and CUSA to talk about their plans and will continue to work with them this year. Paul Keen notes that he has a meeting with Grad government and will mention what has been done in the Library.

Department Head Patti Harper references work that has been done to support grad students. The personal librarian program planning as well as other work done in Research Support Services. P. Harpers talks about meeting with CUSA and working on pieces for social media that will reach their students as they have asked for.

Dr. Tracey Lauriault asks if there can be some kind of one sheet produced where all this information can be made available to faculty more readily. It was noted that the Library will work on ensure information is easy to find for when faculty needs to have easy and quick access to it.

7. Library Forum (E. Bilodeau)

Associate University Librarian Edward Bilodeau gives background on Library Forum and the historical context of them in the Library. It was noted that the next Library Forum meeting takes place Thursday, September 17 and will focus on the diversity presentation given by Michael Charles.

Chair Anne Bowker mentions it is nice to have access to this information and that we can look at a process for having reports presented to Senate Library Forum.

8. Upcoming Meetings

November 10th, 2020
9am-10:30