



**Committee: GFC Library Committee**

**GFC Standing Committee Report for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

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**To:** Jodie Gallais, University Secretariat

**From:** Christopher J. Nicol, Chair,  
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**RE: Annual Report from the GFC Library Committee, 2018/19**

The GFC Library Committee held five regularly-scheduled meetings during the 2018/19 academic year, on: September 25, October 24, and December 4, 2018; then on March 26 and April 24, 2019. In addition, a Joint Meeting was held on January 22, 2019, attended by the members of the GFC Library Committee, Professional Librarians, Subject Area Liaison academic staff member representatives who deal directly with Subject Area Professional Librarians, Library services Supervisors, and a number of Department Chairs/Area Coordinators. Members of the GFC Library Committee were also invited to attend the Library Retreat on April 30, 2019, with a theme of Technology in the Library, and Training Library Patrons in its Use.

The Joint Meeting of January 30, 2018 was devoted to a discussions around the development of the Library's Instructional Programme, particularly with reference to Information Literacy Instruction at the Introductory Level, and the progress towards the development of an Open Access University Author Rights Retention Policy. Such a Policy had been under discussion at various meetings of the GFC Library Committee, through which an Open Access Advisory Group was formed, comprised of Librarians and academic staff from Faculties.

Through the course of the academic year, and at the five regular meetings of the GFC Library Committee, drafts of the Open Access Rights Retention Policy were developed. In addition, Open Access Week was devoted to this topic with Librarian, Ms. Rebecca Dowson, from Simon Fraser University offering a presentation on SFU's experience in development and implementation of its Open Access Rights Retention Policy.

Other significant themes of the various GFC Library Committee meetings dealt with re-development planning of Library spaces. As a result of these planning discussions, we were able to consolidate Library front-line patron services *via* a "Single Service Point" (SSP), offering reference services,

technological support and circulation services. This initiative has proved to be popular, and well supported by Library patrons. An initiative to augment twenty-four study space within L10 North of the Library continues under discussion, but awaits funding support, in order to move planning and implementation further ahead.

Other discussions at the GFC Library Committee involved developments in introductory information literacy programming, with an important initiative being implemented in Public Health 1000, incorporating a graded portion of this course being devoted to Information Literacy. Also, with Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) deliberations in the background, the Library Collections Work Team (CWT) provided information to the GFC Library Committee with respect to steps that might be needed, should the Library acquisitions budget have to be reduced. Ultimately, a reduction of this budget was implemented in the 2019/20 fiscal year budget. As a result, the CWT and Librarians continue to discuss and develop arrangements for the review of subscription renewals, in collaboration with academic subject areas, and the GFC Library Committee.

In the upcoming year, the Library Curriculum Committee (LCC) will continue to develop the informal and formal instructional programme in the Library, with a view to bringing proposals forward to the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee. Further, the Open Access Rights Retention (draft) Policy having been posted for feedback to the University Community, the current draft policy will be on the GFC Agenda for discussion and possible approval.



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