

Library Com.

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT TO
SENATE
1969 SPRING SEMESTER

By terms of reference of the Senate Library Committee (approved by Senate March 7, 1966) the Committee is charged with making an annual report to Senate. As the membership of the Committee has changed markedly in the last semester (including a change in the Chairmanship) it was believed by the Committee that a semester report to Senate would be more appropriate at this time. Further, it was agreed that a regular semester report to Senate might be more meaningful on a continuing basis. As Chairman of this Committee, therefore, I have the pleasure of submitting the following report to Senate.

S. L. Stanton

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Present Membership of the Simon Fraser University Senate Library Committee

K. Strand	-	Acting President
D. A. Baird	-	Librarian
S. T. Stratton	-	Senate, Chairman
J. Walkley	-	Senate
S. Wong	-	Senate
L. D. Druehl	-	Faculty of Science
D. Burbidge	-	Faculty of Education
R. F. Koopman	-	Faculty of Arts
D. Mather	-	Assistant University Librarian (non-voting)
W. H. Whiteley	-	Assistant University Librarian (non-voting)

Meetings:

The Committee held two regular meetings (February 14th and April 15th, 1969) and one special meeting (April 3rd) during the spring semester.

Actions:

Professor S. T. Stratton was elected Chairman of the Senate Library Committee at its first meeting (February 14th, 1969).

The Committee approved a recommendation from the Librarian that the Board of Governors be requested to give authorization for preliminary drawings of Phase II of the Library Building and to investigate the possibilities of providing temporary accommodation for student seating and administrative offices in order to provide as much floor space as is possible for library use until Phase II can be completed. The fifth floor of the Library building will not be available until February, 1970, and even then about a fifth might have to be retained for the Bursar's Office, the Registrar's Office, the Purchasing Department, and Manpower. In order to accommodate additional stacks which had to be added last year, it was necessary to remove some carrels. Unfortunately, even after the fifth floor is made available the space situation will be critical in view of the fact that we may have added more than 100,000 volumes to our collection by then.

The final approval of the proposed 1969/70 Budget was given at a special meeting of the Committee (April 3rd, 1969). [Due to a further cut in the Library Budget a revised and reduced Acquisitions Budget 1969/70 was passed May 12th.]

In addition, a recommendation from the Librarian was approved reducing the subject codes in the budget control reports from 53 in the 1968/69 Budget to less than half for the 1969/70 Budget.

The Committee approved in principle that all members of the University community have equivalent sanctions for misuse of library privileges. Further, a common loan period of two weeks for all members of the University community beginning with the summer semester, 1969, was passed.

It was decided a fine system be extended to faculty beginning in September, 1969, and that library privileges be withheld from faculty members at the end of a semester if they did not pay fines or return books. (It was identified that with the advent of the on-line loan system, it would be possible to suspend the borrowing privileges of any person by nullifying his library card.) Library cards for faculty would be signed and would indicate the regulations set down by the Senate Library Committee. Any faculty member not wishing to comply will receive an unpunched identification card.

It was further agreed with respect to equivalent sanctions that all members of the University community, other than undergraduates, receive the same sanctions as for faculty, i.e. suspension of library borrowing privileges at the end of a semester.

The Committee approved in principle that revenues collected by the Bursar's Office for fines and lost books, be applied to the replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged books. The Librarian was requested to send a letter to the Acting President recommending this policy. Moreover, the principle was upheld that the Library should in some manner warn borrowers in advance of impending fines.

The Committee was pleased to learn from the University Librarian at the meeting held April 15th that a grant of \$24,000 from Canada Council has been received for the building up of research collections in the areas of history, economics, English, and South Asian studies.

The Committee approved in principle that library privileges be extended to the broader community as and when facilities and resources permit this extension of service and that alumni of the University have first priority when such conditions are met.

The Committee extended formal appreciation to Dr. W.H. Whiteley for his valuable participation as colleague and secretary to the Committee, and regretted that due to his leaving the University in April, 1969, he would be unable to continue.

Appreciation was also extended to Student Senator Wong, whose term expires in May, for his brief but valuable contributions to the functions of the Committee.

The Committee decided that the Chairman should be charged with the responsibility of making a report of its activities to Senate each semester.