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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To.. SENATE

From.. SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Subject.. ANNUAL REPORT - FOR INFORMATION

Date.. JUNE 16, 1977

A N N U A L R E P O R T
OF THE
S E N A T E L I B R A R Y C O M M I T T E E

The Senate Library Committee takes pleasure in submitting its annual report for 1976/77. The University Library provides excellent resources and services for the university community and the work of the Committee over the past 12 months has largely been taken in reviewing those resources and services to assist and advise the University Librarian.

The Committee met on 5 July, 29 November 1976 and on 17 January, 14 February, 21 March and 31 May 1977. Membership of the Committee is set down in Appendix I; it should be noted that the Dean of Continuing Studies was added to the Committee during the report period.

The Committee investigated a number of areas but the major agenda items were the series of topics collectively titled 'Consideration of Collections'. In this continuing series a subject librarian was responsible for giving an overview of that subject collection and service in which he/she specialized. Comments on the quality of the collection, the question of prices, the service requirement and the like were developed by each librarian, giving Committee members the opportunity to react to these comments and press for answers that were germane. Up to the last meeting the following collections were reviewed:

Sciences	E. Weinstein, M. Deutsch
Archives and Special Collections	G. Bridwell
Fine Arts	G. Bridwell
Modern Language and Literature	A. Wawrzyszko
English Literature	G. Bridwell
Philosophy	G. Bridwell
Psychology	G. Tesch

Other agenda items for investigation or information included the Strike Policy addendum to the Loan Policy which was subsequently approved by Senate; the disposition of book fines revenue to university general revenue vs. Library acquisitions revenue; the activities of TRIUL (Tri University Libraries: SFU, UBC, UVic); implications of the Winegard Report for the University Library and more recently a proposed model for the University Library to articulate with Interior Programming; draft policy on extramural borrowing whereby the non-university community is extended the opportunity to borrow from the University Library -- an issue on which discussion was suspended once it became apparent that the implications of the Winegard Report could have significant impact on the draft policy thereby making such a borrowing policy inappropriate at this time.

In summarizing issues that were raised and discussed by the Committee two stand out above others; namely, the ability of the Library to maintain the quality of its collections in a period of inflation, especially monograph purchases in relationship to rapidly increasing serial prices; and providing professional expertise to man information and reference points over extended hours. As an interim reprieve for the former, the introduction of the Tattle-tape security system will be an aid to keeping what we already have in control, the latter requires more librarians. In these circumstances the Library can only service new departmental interests by retrenchment of other areas of continuing interest to a department, such interests, in any case, may not be adequately funded.

Other items that were discussed are as noted:

1. The need to efficiently use space has required investigation into the possible conversion of some serial holdings into microfilm or microfiche, such conversion would, necessarily, have extra costs.
2. On-line bibliographic searching is now available to users in science and social sciences via a 'Decwriter' terminal; a fee schedule is being determined.

3. The increasing requirements of departments within the University which draw upon large professional literatures which are not taught at this institution, e.g. Law, Medicine, is a matter that requires further attention by the university community.
4. The Library wishes to assist departments in any curriculum developments. There has been a tendency for some departments to devise programmes or to adjust their interests without reference to the Library. Recently mechanisms have been established between some Senate Committees and the Library to improve this situation but there have been instances where such consultation has not taken place and valuable time has been lost by both parties.
5. The Committee has been aware of the lack of a full-time Archivist but as yet has not developed a position from which to advise the University Librarian.
6. In considering new faculty appointments the Library is always prepared to assist any department at the selection stage of new faculty members particularly in its ability to support the candidate's research interests. Liaison at this time may be useful to both the candidate and the Library.



Phillip Stigger
Chairman, Senate Library Committee

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE(SLC) - Standing: Reporting Category "B"

<u>Members</u>	<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiry Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Academic Vice-President or his designate	Ex-officio			B. G. Wilson
Librarian	Ex-officio - Secretary			D. A. Baird
Deputy Librarian	Ex-officio			T. C. Dobb
Bibliographical Control Librarian	Ex-officio	Non-voting		C. W. MacDonald
Collections Librarian	Ex-officio			L. E. Thomas
Dean of Continuing Studies	Ex-officio			J. P. Blaney*
Dean of Graduate Studies	Ex-officio			J. Wheatley
Senator	Elected	2 years	Sep 30/77	D. A. Erickson
Senator		2 years	Sep 30/77	S. Thomas
Senator (student)	by and from	2 years	Sep 30/78	R. A. Ironside
Alternate "	Senate	2 years	Sep 30/78	J. A. Catalano
Faculty Member (Arts)	Elected	2 years	Sep 30/78	P. Stigger
Faculty Member (Education)	by and	May 4 -	Sep 30/78	B. Wong**
Faculty Member (Interdisciplinary Studies)	from			
	respective	2 years	Sep 30/77	D. A. Seeley
Faculty Member (Science)	Faculties	2 years	Sep 30/77	K. S. Viswanathan
Chairman:	Elected by and from voting members of the Committee			

PURPOSE: 1. To advise the University Librarian in:

- a. formulating policy in regard to the development of library resources for instruction and research.
- b. allocating funds to the various fields of instruction and research.

- c. applying Senate policy concerning rules and regulations for the operation of the Library.
2. To report to Senate on matters of policy under discussion by the Committee and to make recommendations to Senate concerning changes in, and additions to, existing rules and regulations for the operation of the Library.
3. To report to Senate annually, in June, on the activities of the Senate Library Committee and generally on the operation of the Library.

OPERATING PROCEDURES:

1. The quorum shall consist of five voting members.
2. The Committee shall meet at least once each semester at the call of the Chairman. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or five voting members of the Committee.

Approved by Senate March 7, 1966; terms of office revised January 10, 1972.

Membership, terms of reference and operating procedures revised September 8, 1975.

* Membership revised September 13, 1976
by adding the Dean of Continuing Studies.
(First meeting attended: November 29, 1976)

**Completing the late Dr. Eastwood's term.
(First meeting attended: May 31, 1977)