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ATTENTION Members of Senate

FROM B. Mario Pinto, Vice-President, Research

RE Senate Library Committee Annual Report

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Please find attached the annual report for the Senate Library Committee.



Simon Fraser University
SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
Annual Report for 2007/08

Terms of Reference

1. Advises the University Librarian on matters relating to the operation of the Library and the liaison between the Library and academic departments and programs. The areas of advice include the following:
 - monitoring the continuing response to the Library Review Report recommendations and organizing subsequent reviews every five years
 - liaison between the Library and academic programs
 - establishing collections priorities
 - review of Library performance data
 - review of major changes in Library systems or operations
2. Advises the Vice President, Research on matters relating to the size of the Library budget.
3. Approves guidelines for the allocation of the Library materials budget between various fields of instruction and research.
4. Recommends changes in rules and regulations for the operation of the Library, such as the Loan Policy.
5. Reports to Senate annually concerning its activities and the operation of the Library.

Meetings Held

The Senate Library Committee met 3 times during 2007/08:

June 25, 2007
October 15, 2007
January 28, 2008.

Collections Budget

The 2007/2008 Library Materials Budget was presented. Due to the strong Canadian dollar and projections that the Canadian dollar continues to be strong throughout this fiscal year, there has been some relief from the anticipated pressure on the budget. In allocating the budget, several principles were applied including:

- Serial allocations were set based on increases of 8% over the previous year's expenditures in Science, Health and Applied Science, and 5% over the previous year's expenditures in all other areas.
- Books funds were reduced up to 4% in some subject areas

The cost pressure of serials (5% to 6% a year) continues to have an impact on future budgets. The Library will require a \$400,000 lift to the budget next year in order to maintain the purchasing power of collection.

3 Year Plan

The Library's 3 Year Plan was presented. It will be forwarded to SCUP and then to Senate.

Spousal Cards for Graduate Students

The issue of spousal cards for graduate students raised at Senate was brought forward to the Library to investigate. The Library will conduct a one-year pilot project, starting May 1, 2008, offering free library privileges to spouses/partners of graduate students of SFU.

Reciprocal Borrowing for BC Post Secondary Undergraduates

The Library will conduct a one year pilot project, starting March 1, 2008 allowing free reciprocal borrowing privileges to all BC public post secondary undergraduate students. SFU students will get similar privileges at all BC public post secondary institutions.

Senate Library Committee Membership, 2007/08

Mario Pinto, Vice-President, Research (Chair)

John Waterhouse, Vice-President, Academic

Lynn Copeland, University Librarian

Jon Driver, Graduate Studies

Joan Collinge, Continuing Studies

David Bell, Education

Jason Chan, Undergraduate Student

Jennifer Chang, Business Administration

Kitty Corbett, Health Sciences

Murtaza Dhanani, Undergraduate Student

Peter Dickinson, Senator at Large

Roberta Dunlop, Science

Halil Erhan, Applied Sciences

Carole Gerson, Arts & Social Sciences

Michael Hayes, Health Sciences

Scott Mackenzie, Librarian

Gary Mauser, Business Administration

Daniel Say, Library Staff member

Jennifer Scott, Graduate Student

Peter Williams, Senator at Large

Gwen Bird, Associate University Librarian (non-voting)

Elaine Fairey, Associate University Librarian (non-voting)

Todd Mundle, Associate University Librarian (non-voting)

Brian Owen, Associate University Librarian (non-voting)

Angela Raasch, Recording Secretary

Library Penalties Appeal Committee Report 2007/2008

The Library Penalties Appeal Committee did not hold a meeting during the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The meeting which is usually held in the fall semester was cancelled due to the fact that there were no appeals to be reviewed.