

## LIBRARIANS AND ARCHIVISTS COMMITTEE MEETING

17 May 2017, 9:05-10:30 a.m.

M18, Weldon Library

### NOTES

Present: Cindy Cossar-Jones, John Costella, Fran Gray, Shawn Hendrikx, Christina Zoricic

John Sadler

Recorder: Fran Gray

Regrets: Vince Gray

**1. Approval of Agenda:** approved as posted

**2. Approval of Notes:** the notes that Shawn distributed in advance of the meeting were approved and will be sent to UWOFA for posting.

### Standing Agenda Items:

#### 3. Stewards' Reports:

- Business/Education/Law (John S.): nothing to report
- Weldon/ARCC (Fran): see below under Feedback on Planned Activities and Contributions process
- Taylor (Shawn): see below under Feedback on Planned Activities and Contributions process
- OUL and Non-WL Members (Vince): no report
- LIRM and Music (Christina): see below under Feedback on Planned Activities and Contributions process

#### Feedback on Planned Activities and Contributions process:

Members across Western Libraries had similar concerns about this process:

- A perceived focus on quantitative assessment of our activities and contributions that does not seem to be necessary or realistic
- The requirement to provide assessment measures for our service work. As committee members, the outcome of committee work is often completely beyond the control of individual committee members and does not need to be included.
- The requirement to provide a rationale and planned quantitative assessment for our academic work is inappropriate and could lead to impingements on academic freedom.

Some more process based concerns included:

- There are no instructions for submission (i.e. print and electronic, etc.) on the form.
- Are members required to have a formal meeting with their supervisor before the supervisor will sign the form? If they have regular meetings, is that sufficient?

**Action:** LASC will ensure that this feedback is passed on to those who are reviewing this new process once the cycle is completed.

#### **4. Professional Officer's Report: (Cindy)**

Cindy said that she had only received a question from a member which was related to the timing of application for and receipt of educational assistance.

#### **5. Senate Report: (John S.)**

The last Senate meeting was April 21st. John summarized the proceedings into the following four points:

##### **Operating and capital budgets:**

Both budgets were eventually approved after heated discussion related to budgets for the faculties of Arts & Humanities, FIMS and Music, which are all dealing with declining enrolments. The University is being cautious due to the imminent change in provincial funding formula.

##### **Parking:**

Senate was informed that Western is running out of parking. Plans to build parking buildings that would potentially be funded through an increase in parking fees are being considered.

##### **Academic Calendar Tweaks:**

This included finalization of the removal of the Film Studies department (The Film Studies program continues to be offered.), a new accelerated JD/MBA program at Law and IVEY, and some other changes to courses and programs that senate is required to approve.

##### **Indigenous Initiatives:**

The budget includes \$1,000,000 in base funding for Indigenous Initiatives, which so far include the creation of an Indigenous Studies department (incorporating the current First Nations Studies program) and a new position of indigenous scholar in the Faculty of Law.

The next senate meeting will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017. John has distributed the agenda and other materials to the membership.

#### **6. Joint Committee Report: (John C.)**

Nothing to report.

#### **7. News Stories:**

No news stories.

#### **Business Arising:**

#### **8. ARR Template – Hidden Text (Shawn):**

This issue with the templates has been brought to the attention of Jennifer King at Faculty Relations.

**New Business:**

**10. Review of Criteria and Supporting Evidence:**

Members agreed that since the ARR process is new this year, a review might be beneficial, even if no specific concerns are raised.

***Action:** John C. will inform the administration at the Joint Committee meeting in June that UWOFA would like to request a review of the Criteria and Supporting Evidence document.*

**11. Fall Meetings**

It was agreed that in the fall we would continue to meet at 9:00 on the third Wednesday of the month.

**Notes Roster:**

June 21, 2017	Vince Gray
July/August as needed.	
September 20, 2017	John Sadler