

LIBRARIANS AND ARCHIVISTS STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING
20 November 2019, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
DBW M15

Present: Anne Quirk, Matt Barry, Lina Rodriguez, Roxanne Isard, Christina Zoricic, Courtney Waugh (recorder)

Regrets: Kristin Hoffman, Denise Horoky, Cindy Cossar-Jones

Approval of Agenda: approved

Approval of Notes: approved

Business Arising from Previous Meeting:

Standing Agenda Items:

1. Stewards' Reports:

User Experience and Student Engagement (Matt): nothing to report

Teaching and Learning : nothing to report

Research and Scholarly Communications and FIMS (Courtney): nothing to report

Collections Management, Discovery and Access (Christina): nothing to report

Archives and Special Collections (Anne):

- Questions / concerns raised about where faculty are getting information about library issues. Faculty have reported speaking to “librarians” when in fact they are speaking with staff at the desk who may have partial information.
- Question about the CCS Town Hall with English Department faculty – what was the outcome?
 - Downsview has been put on hold until materials in storage are assessed in consultation with Special Collections Librarian
 - Increased consultation between English and FIMS where collections decisions impact departmental resources

2. Members Services Officer & Professional Officer's Report (Lina & Cindy):

- Lina – nothing to report

3. Senate Report: (Tom):

Tom shared his impressions of the November 15th Senate meeting in an email circulated to LASC committee members on November 19th.

In summary, there were questions from the floor from the English Department related to the Downsview and its implications for maintaining strong historical collections such as the Barnett Collection (many volumes of which have been moved to storage without faculty consultation). The tone of the exchange was tense and the resulting outcome will be improved faculty to librarian communication and consultation.

4. Joint Committee Report (Kristin)

- October 28th meeting cancelled
- Next meeting is Wednesday, November 25th

New Business:

5. Faculty Concerns (Courtney)

There have been a number of faculty and graduate student concerns have been raised in recent months related to their ability to access materials and complete core research and teaching needs. A common theme among many of the complaints is a general sense of confusion about who to contact in the library. Faculty often resort to sending their emails to a wide range of email lists which causes further confusion within the library's communication channels.

Who is keeping track of these concerns? Are we responding in isolation to each one? Are there any common themes between them? Who is consulting on the responses to faculty?

These types of questions and concerns identify gaps in the ORI and would be useful in assessing the effectiveness of the model. Is there a role for LASC here?

It was put forth that the Librarian & Archivist Forum that was negotiated in our latest Collective Agreement would be an appropriate place to raise these concerns. Stay tuned for more on the Forum.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18th, 2019. 9:30 a.m. Weldon M15, Recorder: Matt Barry