



COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

Meeting Minutes

November 14 , 2018

Library

Present: Aguado, Davis, Glueck, Hoyt, McCabe (Chair), McCullough, Mehrer, Parker, Shin, Simons, Snyder, Webb.

Apologies: Betsinger, Francis, Jrolf, Kahl.

Guests: Cox, Ghezzi, Logan, Peterson, Witzel.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

1. Welcome and introductions.

The Chair welcomed the members and asked all present for a short introduction as the meeting included a number of guest presenters.

2. The Minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising.

None.

4. Research Support Services for Indigenous Studies – Ithaka S&R Research Project

The project *Supporting the Changing Research Practices of Indigenous Studies Scholars* aims to examine how settler cultural institutions, including libraries, archives, and museums, sustain and might now redress past and present colonial practices and foster Indigenous approaches to scholarship. It is part of the Ithaka S&R series on research practices (<https://sr.ithaka.org/our-work/research-support/>).

Dartmouth is one of twelve institutions participating in the study*. The project team, Ridie Ghezzi (Head of Research and Instruction Services), Wendel Cox (Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian), Amy Witzel, (Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian) and Julia Logan (Assistant Archivist for Acquisitions) gave an overview of the project methodologies and outlined some of the key findings, including the relational aspect of Indigenous scholarship, the significance of community involvement, and the need to give back to the community.

Understanding how Indigenous Studies scholars conduct their research will help identify more appropriate library tools, policies, and services to offer in the future. Recommendations include augmenting catalog records to include tribal affiliations and names; increase support on copyright and scholarly communication; specialist support for faculty and students in use of archives in Indigenous scholarship.

The full report is expected to be available in spring 2019.

* Participating institutions: Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Simon Fraser University, University of Alberta, University of Arizona, University of British Columbia, University of Hawai'i, University of Kansas and Haskell Indian Nations University, University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Toronto.

5. Revision of Charge of the Council on the Libraries

The Chair reported that she presented the revised charge of the Council on the Libraries at the General Faculty Meeting on 29 October, where it had been approved. The next step in the process towards adoption would be the approval by faculty of each school.

6. Library Annual Report

The Dean spoke to the Library's 2018 Annual Report to the Provost. The report highlighted major initiatives in support of the Library's strategic objectives as well as some key priorities for the year ahead. The Dean explained the careful approach that the Library had adopted in order to meet its four-year reallocation target, which was guided by ensuring that negative impacts to the Dartmouth community and library staff would be kept to a minimum and strategic goals would still be pursued, albeit at a reduced pace overall.

7. Offsite Storage Capital Project – Progress Report

Peterson and Dean Mehrer reported that the feasibility study for increased offsite storage was nearing completion. The feasibility study would provide costed options for an extension to the current facility at 56 Etna Road, as well as a stand-alone new build facility. Dartmouth had engaged an experienced architect who specialized in this area and was focused on optimal design for cost effective operations. Peterson further reported that he had met with a number of faculty and was confident that he would be able to confirm faculty and student volunteers for the proposed working group before the end of the month. The working group will advise on an appropriate services model for the remote service facility; propose a decision-making framework to identify collections for transfer; and draft a communications plan to ensure the Dartmouth community remains informed throughout the project.

8. Library Monthly Brief

The Library produces a monthly brief to library staff and key stakeholders outlining staff activities and initiatives of interest to the audience. Dean Mehrer proposed adding the Council members to the list of key stakeholders to provide timely updates on Library activities. The next briefing will be circulated on 20 November.

9. Any Other Business

The Chair reminded everyone that there would be no Council meeting in December. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9 January at 12noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.55.