

**ULC Meeting Minutes**  
April 12, 2021 (on WebEx)

Recorder: Rachel Furey

Approved: 9/13/2021

In Attendance: Hayley Battaglia, Steve Brady, Susan Clerc, Patrick Crowley, Nick Fedorchuk, Louisa Foss-Kelly, Rachel Furey, Carrie Michalski, Clara Ogbaa, Melanie Savelli.

I. Minutes Approved

We approved the minutes from March 8, 2021 (Susan motioned to approve and Patrick seconded).

II. Membership

Steve Brady will be an Arts & Sciences ULC member until 2024 and Nick Fedorchuk until 2023. Terms are up for Louisa and Rachel. There will be a vote for chair and secretary next semester.

III. Library Safety and Security Issues Update

The university approved some needed funds for the library for video surveillance and security systems. This means the library doesn't need to use the Endowment Fund right now.

IV. Library Reopening and Student Textbooks

The library is reopening more fully on June 1. Rethinking library textbook policy: faculty are encouraged to use open access, OER, or put books on reserve (textbooks are expensive, and these measures would help students). The Multicultural Center currently has about 2,000 titles for students to access. Some students also receive book grants to help cover textbook costs. Librarians are working on a guide for open access resources so faculty are aware. Perusall and Blackboard have annotation software that can be helpful.

We talked about ways of getting faculty more involved in, and aware of, OER (Open Educational Resources). Open access resources are often more ADA compliant. They're often digital but can also be printed. Library faculty will put together something that members of ULC can bring to their department and school/college.

V. Library Staff Report

There were three retirements. Positions of Business Librarian and Full-Time Archivist have been approved.

VI. Library Survey

We discussed a good time to send out another library survey. Since students are overwhelmed this semester, we thought the end of September might be a good time—

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enough time for students to settle into the semester without being overwhelmed by midterms yet.