



Library Advisory Committee

Minutes –Draft

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 , 9:30 - 10:55 Room 2428 Chilliwack

Present: Keith Carlson via Teams , David Milobar, Alison Pritchard-Orr, Kirsten Hargreaves via Teams, Carl Janzen via Teams, Brenda Philip, Selena Karli Janelle Sztuhar, Martin Warkentin, Moira Guzyk, Dan de Groot, Kenley Neufeld, Robert Baschak (minutes)

Regrets: Clair Hay

1. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgment

Dr. Keith Carlson opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement and introduced his role as Chair and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous and Community Engaged History.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented and passed by consensus.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2025

Minutes approved as presented

Moved by David Milobar seconded by Kirsten Hargreaves passed by consensus.

4. Library Updates – State of the Library

Kenley Neufeld confirmed the continuation of the LAC under current terms of reference. His acting role as University Librarian extends to December 2025.

Key updates included:

- Stable budget but constrained due to institutional hiring freeze
- Archives and Student Engagement Librarian roles prioritized for permanent status
- Auxiliary librarian hours increased
- Samantha Gibbs moved into full-time term Student Engagement Librarian role

Goals for 2025–2026 include:

- Student engagement strategy
- Marketing channels action plan
- Annual report development
- Library team calendar (Robert leading)
- Functional mapping of librarian roles
- Open education grant activities
- LibGuides best practices
- Teaching & learning strategy (Selena leading)
- Maker space proposal (Martin, Colleen, Dan)
- Research data management workshop
- Collections policy modernization
- PD guidelines creation
- Interlibrary loan system selection
- Reference services review
- Space planning for archives and special collections

Integrated Library System (ILS):

- Funding request for new ILS not approved
- UFV may join consortial ILS purchase led by UBC and SFU

5. Committee Discussion: How the LAC Can Best Support the Library, Guidance, priorities, and areas for engagement - not revisited, as these points had been addressed in earlier discussion

6. Discussion Item: Building an Open Education Strategy

Presented by Janelle Sztuhar:

- \$30,000 BCcampus grant received
- Strategy includes statements of commitment and guiding principles
- Faculty and student consultations underway
- 0 Textbook Cost (ZTC) initiative launched
- 6 microgrants funded
- \$10,000 monograph fund for multi-user access ebooks

7. Other Business

Dr. Carlson raised concerns about unmet expectations for a Digital Humanities Librarian and emphasized the need for DAM support. Kenley committed to revisiting the role. Committee members expressed willingness to support library initiatives more actively. Kenley will bring concrete ideas to the next meeting.

Other Library Activities

- Increased student research engagement at reference desks
- Heritage collection item from 1972 scanned and shared with City of Chilliwack
- Therapy dogs continue to be popular
- Library ambassadors hired for work-study roles
- Library staff attending national and regional consortium meetings
- Science Cafés continue at Chilliwack campus.

Library Student Welcome Back Event – October 21, 2025

- Theme: Celebrating the Contributions of Black Peoples in Canada
- Catered by Jamaican Elbo Patties
- Student panel and music planned

8. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Date: January 12, 2026, Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 Room A203B Abbotsford

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