

Report of the Senate Library Committee, 2019-20
Submitted by Jeff Babb (Mathematics and Statistics), SLC Chair
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Committee Members: Adina Balint (Humanities); Jeff Babb (Sciences); Kimberley Ducey (Social Sciences); Stefan Dodds (Member-at-Large); Jan DeFehr (Member-at-Large); Michael Hohner (Librarian); Brianne Selman (Librarian); Gabrielle Prefontaine (Dean of the Library); Catherine Taylor (Dean or Associate Dean); Vacancy (UWSA Senator).

Note that Brett Loughheed (Acting Associate Dean of the Library) served on the Committee, as the Dean of the Library was on leave.

As per the Senate Standing Rules, the duties of the Senate Library Committee (SLC) are:

- to provide advice and make recommendations concerning Library policy to the Dean of Libraries
- for greater certainty, to recommend academic policy to the Dean of Libraries, including ways in which the budgetary resources available to the Libraries might be allocated most effectively from an academic perspective

The SLC met twice:

08 November 2019 Meeting

- I. Fraser gave a presentation on different reference software options, including Refworks, Web of Science, Zotero, and Mendeley. The Committee discussed the benefits and limitations of each.
- B. Selman provided an overview of the increase in senate statements and declarations on Open Access in the United States and Canada. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to explore at its next meeting the possibility of forwarding a statement or declaration on Open Access to the U of W Senate.
- J. Babb was elected as Committee Chair, with a term ending 30 June 2020.
- B. Loughheed gave an update on the Library Redevelopment Program.

15 January 2020 Meeting

- B. Loughheed provided an overview of the functions, collections and procedures of the University Archives.
- J. Babb tabled a draft Open Access Statement. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Committee members should provide written feedback to B. Selman via electronic mail by no later than February 5, 2020.

Thanks are expressed to Ian Fraser, Brett Loughheed, and Brianne Selman for their respective presentations on reference software, the University Archives and Open Access. Further, much appreciation is expressed to Paula Hossack for her continued strong administrative support to the SLC.