

**Report of the Senate Library Committee, 2017-18**  
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This year, the SLC undertook the following regular duties of the committee:

- Review of the Standing Rules for the SLC
- Provide feedback to reports from the Dean of the Library and Librarians
- Gather information from consultations with departmental library reps through a Users' Group meeting

In 2016-17, the SLC had focused on managing the rising costs of subscription databases and creating a more flexible book and materials acquisitions system. The SLC heard that the subscriptions review process has already produced savings and will continue to do so through ongoing consultations with the UW community. The SLC was also pleased to hear that the implementation of a more flexible book acquisitions process for departments is proving successful. While the funding formula for departmental acquisitions remains the same at present, there are now three deadlines to submit requests per year (August, December, and May), and unused funds are rolled into a general pot that can be redistributed to meet specific needs, such as new course areas or graduate programs that do not have their own acquisitions budget.

As these two major initiatives of the previous year continue to be monitored, the SLC decided in 2017-18 to focus on Open Access issues as a way to support and promote the role of the Library in providing trustworthy, long-term preservation and access to the scholarship created at UWinnipeg. We heard research from Librarians about Open Access policies at other universities, the different levels of Open Access, and how Open Access connects to knowledge mobilization in relation to both faculty and student research. We decided to focus specifically on how the UW institutional repository, WinnSpace, can serve faculty, student, and broader community needs. At our February 26th Users' Group meeting with departmental library representatives, we heard feedback on WinnSpace and how to create greater UW community awareness of its benefits.

Two other issues we discussed were: the role of the Library in celebrating the work of UW faculty at events, such as the PUB Night to recognize books published in the past two years; and, the role of the Library in collecting and preserving faculty books, print-only articles, and other publications to produce an institutional bibliography of all research produced at UW.

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