

Report of the Senate Library Committee (SLC) 2021-22

Submitted by Steven Kohm, SLC Chair, April 21, 2022

Committee Members:

Heather Milne (Humanities); Srimathie Indraratne (Sciences); Steven Kohm (Social Sciences); Donna Copey Haydey (Member-at-Large); Matt Dyce (Member-at-Large, not Librarian); Michael Dudley (Librarian elected from Librarians Council); Dee Wallace (Librarian elected from Librarians Council); Gabrielle Prefontaine (Dean of the Library); Tracy Whalen (Associate Dean); Jonathan Henderson (UWSA Senator)

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

SLC was chaired by J. Orr (Librarian) until December 31, 2021.

S. Kohm took over as chair January 2022.

J. Orr proposed the following language describing the duties of SLC to the ad hoc Senate Standing Rules (SSR) Review Committee in December of 2021:

“To make recommendations to Senate on all Library-related policies and initiatives and to advise the Dean of the Library on implementation of Library-related policies and initiatives.”

The SLC met twice.

On October 12, 2021:

- G. Prefontaine gave updates on various library matters and initiatives, including the library’s fall opening, and the library redesign.
- J. Orr presented a high-level update on research data management at UWinnipeg.

On March 16, 2022:

- G. Prefontaine gave updates on the Spring opening of the Library, Library renewal, and the student referendum for a levy to fund library renewal.
- G. Prefontaine updated the committee about the activities of a working group (including Brianne Selman, G. Prefontaine and Colin Russell) that is exploring open education resources at UWinnipeg.

- S. Kohm put forward a document outlining basic procedures and terms of reference for SLC.
- G. Prefontaine and S. Kohm discussed plans for a Library town hall meeting involving department library representatives in the Fall of 2022.

I would like to express my thanks to previous SLC Chair Jaime Orr and Dean Gabrielle Prefontaine for their guidance and advice. I would also like to thank Janice Reyes Bain for her diligent administrative support to the SLC.