April 17, 2018 Meeting

Attendees:

Faculty
Calvin Blackwell, Economics
Juliette Bourdier, Francophone, and Italian Studies, Chair
Adam Domby, History, Secretary
Marcello Forconi, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Courtney Murren, Biology

Library
John White, Dean of the Libraries
Heather Gilbert, Associate Dean of Collection & Content Services

Absent:
Susan Flynn, Teacher Education
Bethany Goodier, Communication

1. Call to Order at 2:00
2. The committee approved the Minutes of the last meeting (November 17, 2017).
3. Discussion of Budget’s scenarios / Report of the Budget situation:

The committee went over budget including various potential options. The library is optimistic that inflation funding will be granted this year. If we do not get funding for inflation then it will lead to issues staying competitive. Indeed, not only will our material budget be cut but it will be too low to garner reaffirmation and could lead to problems staying accredited. We are already at the bottom of the pack for primary resources available but if we can get new money we can order new databases.

4. New Catalog

Big News: we hope to get new catalog next year. Committee made it clear they hope new one will have predictive text feature. Everyone agrees this is needed.

5. Other Library Resources News

Other resources: We have new Library Classroom and looking forward we hope to renovate the first floor. Library needs more collaborative space and power to all tables. We may end up combining circulation and info. Students need space but often have their own computers.

6. 2021 will be anniversary of Library.
7. Technology is being circulated

We are starting to circulate more technology. Chargers, laptops, we just got power packs that are basically batteries for areas that don’t have plugs. We are experimenting with them. Laptop checkout system was discussed. Lots of laptop are use by students who don’t want to carry their own computer or cannot afford to acquire one.

8. Update on Avery:

Avery is closed and being constructed. It will be closed at least till September. We expect it to open by October in part and but Spring 2019 it will be fully open. We are Revising job descriptions for folks there but the employees are currently housed in Addlestone.

9. Adjournment, Moved we adjourned and motion carried at 3:27