



**Committee:** GFC Library Committee

**GFC Standing Committee Report for July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014**

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**To:** Jodie Gallais, University Secretariat

**From:** Christopher J. Nicol, Chair,  
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**RE: Annual Report from GFC Library Committee, 2013/14**

The GFC Library Committee again had a busy year during 2013/14, with four regularly-scheduled meetings having been held, on: October 23 and November 20, 2013; then on March 26, and April 23, 2014. In addition, a Joint Meeting was held on January 22, 2014, attended by the members of the GFC Library Committee, Professional Librarians and Subject Area Liaison academic staff member representatives, who deal directly with Subject Area Professional Librarians. The Joint Meeting was also open to and attended by Department Chairs, and Subject Area Coordinators from Faculties. As is probably known, the Library holds a Staff Retreat every year. Since the theme of the Retreat, held on May 6, 2014 this year, was Library re-development, members of the GFC Library Committee were invited to attend the Retreat. Several Committee members were able to attend, and made excellent contributions to the discussions.

Specific items of business which the GFC Library Committee dealt with this year included the following. Changes to the Committee Terms of Reference – these changes involved aligning the Terms of Reference of the Committee directly with the Post-Secondary Learning Act, Section 26(1)(k), inclusion of more Professional Librarian members on the Committee, and the addition of Alternate Members to the Committee. The Committee also approved changes to the Access Policy, which pertains to collection access and borrowing provisions. These changes mainly involved modernization of the previous Policy, to better reflect the existence and use of electronic and/or digital resources.

Other items of business which the GFC Library Committee dealt with during this past academic year related to advice which the Committee provided relative to: (a) Library Academic Plan directions with respect to Information Literacy and Instruction; (b) Integrated Library System (ILS) and Discovery Tools upgrades; (c) commencement of a review of acquisition and collection guidelines; and (d) Library re-development ideas.

Major activities which the COPPUL (Council of Prairie and Pacific Universities) and CRKN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network) consortia are engaged in are the SPAN (Shared Print Archive Network) in the former case, and the Banding Task Group in the latter case. Both of these initiatives are likely to have implications for our Library's collection development, maintenance and acquisitions activities. With respect to SPAN, this has already seen changes in the way in which periodicals are held and maintained by COPPUL libraries. In the case of the Banding Task Group, this activity is likely to have implications for what the University Library pays for electronic resources and/or access to these. With the acquisitions budget having been reduced by 5% for the 2014/15 fiscal year, through the budget process, all three of these elements will have effects on the Library collection, with which the GFC Library Committee will have to deal in the coming years.

As a result of the allocation of Strategic Priorities Fund resources to the Library for fiscal 2014/15, a modest start to Library re-development will commence in the coming year. This involves the increased use of high-density shelving on L9, allowing for optimization and maintenance of collection holdings on site, in the face of continued growth of the overall collection. In the coming year, the GFC Library Committee will continue to be engaged in planning for Library re-development, with particular emphasis on the linkage of such activity to the evolving Destination Project.



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