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Senate Committee on Libraries  
MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Senate Committee on Libraries** held virtually on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 15:30 to 17:00.

Present: C. Buddle (*Chair*), C. Colleen Cook, J. Cumming, C. Della Motta, D. Dias, V. Dion Larivière, E. Elbourne, R. Elizabeth, M. Fronda, R. Funnell, B. Gillon, J. Hafner, H. Qiu, D. Rogers, K. Roulet, Julie Degans (*Secretary to the Committee*).

Regrets: A. Bernasconi, B. Cheng, H. Dedek, R. Desmeules, R. Langevin

Guests: K. Hanz, D. Koen

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## 1. Administrative

- **Adoption of the agenda**

A request to provide an update on the Open Access Statement of the McGill Library Council was approved. It will be added under business arising. The committee otherwise approved the agenda as circulated.

- **Approval of the minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved with the caveat that a few typos be corrected.

- **Presentation of the report to Senate**

The Chair presented SCL's annual report, which was received by Senate in January 2021.

- **Business arising:**

- **Open Educational Resources (OERs)**

The Chair reminded the committee that SCL opened a discussion on Open Educational Resources at its last meeting. The committee agreed that the documentation distributed last year would be made available to SCL newest members. Links to the following website were also circulated:

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/library/channels/news/new-report-open-education-resources-and-textbook-affordability-mcgill-268227>
- <https://libraryguides.mcgill.ca/c.php?g=627640>

The discussion on OERs will resume at the next meeting giving the committee members time to familiarize themselves with the concepts and issues at stake. The Chair underlined the importance of bringing in experts on the topics and engaging the Faculties in this discussion.

- **Open Access Statement**

SCL heard that the McGill Library Council revisited its Open Access Statement last summer, to update and clarify its wording. The updated statement can be found here:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/library/about/open-access-statement>.

The members of SCL were invited to comment on the statement and circulate it in their units.

## **2. Discussion and updates**

### **a. Changes to Course-packs**

Katherine Hanz, Interim Associate Dean of User Services, reported that Course Readings Service, a merger between the Library Course Reserve Service with the Bookstore's Course-Packs Service

moved into rented space on Sherbrooke Street. The collection is still mostly accessible, but low use materials had to be moved to storage. The University selected Axino as a contractor to carry out the renovation work in 2020. The work undertaken is extensive, with renovation of the masonry, the HVAC system, the sprinkler system, and the washrooms.

- **Fiat Lux:** The Dean noted that the Fiat Lux Library Building Project is progressing, with the recent appointment of Robert Hamilton as Executive Director.