

**COVER SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO
THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

Date 2/15/22 Senate Meeting Date 2/23/22
Report # (Senate Use Only) _____

Intended Action: Informational x Senate Vote
 Consultative/Advisory

Name of Committee Submitting Report: Senate Library Committee

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.)

Appointed chartered

Names of Committee Members

Eleanor Congdon (Chair)(BCLASSE)* Jonathan Farris (CCCA),* Laura
Calcagni (BCHHS)**, Kristin Bruns, (BCLASSE), Rick Deschenes*
(CSTEM), Kimberley Pleva (WCBA),* Jeremy Schwartz (WCBA), Faith
Marscio (Student) Anna Torres* and Christine Adams*, co-Directors of
Maag Library (ex officio); Phyllis Paul, Admin (ex officio)

* Present at the Meeting

**Laura Calcagni (BCHHS) reports that she is being replaced by Cynthia
Shields for this year.

Elected Members

Appointed Members All members listed above.

Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:

Library Committee met on December 7, 2021 for the fall term

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration? Yes

Introduction and Rationale

Type introduction and rationale here.

Revised Policy/Policies (when applicable)

Type revised policy here

Recommendation

Type recommendation here.

Brief meeting reports:

I After introducing ourselves, we searched fruitlessly for the charge of our committee, only to find it removed from the Charter and Bylaws.

II The co-Directors of Maag Library discussed the usage data for the Library for the last few months and the end of last year.

- A. As expected because of COVID, there was reduced usage, and reduced staffing, proportionally, throughout the Library.
- B. The Library has had major cuts in personnel and un-replaced retirements.
- C. Fewer staff translate into many more duties for the ones who remain, including doing the periodic surveys of use of space and of books, by walking through the library.
- D. For each person who has left, there is no resulting “freed up money” in the budget: thus, automation cannot be used to replace people.
- E. Similar to much of the university, such cuts are not being replaced.
- F. Cuts have impacted the services Maag can offer to students and for research projects. They do not have the staff to keep the library open far into the night.
- G. Student government officers have asked for extended hours of opening, principally for study groups, but with the level of staffing, these were not possible to be added.
- H. They note that the staff at Maag was diligent in asking people to use COVID protocols, especially masks.

III. We discussed materials bought with special allocations in past years. Among them, the video services have been especially successful and will be continued for the next few years as long as we can afford them. That being said:

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