Agenda OISE Library Student Advisory Committee

Tuesday February 11, 2020, 5:00 - 6:30pm Children's Literature Area, 3rd floor, OISE Library

Present: Magdalene, Jenaya, Jenna, Latifa, Tika, Nailisa, Joanne, Ellen

Regrets: Cherry, Qiutong (Tong), Cindy

| Agenda item | Speaker | Follow-up items |
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| Land Acknowledgement | Magdalene gives land acknowledgement. | |
| Thank you to Kate! | Jenaya | Kate is stepping down from the committee so we would like to extend a huge thank you to Kate for being our minute-taker for the last 2.5 years! |
| Review and approve minutes from last meeting | Attendees review and approve the previous minutes. | Note that Cherie was not present for the December 2019 meeting. UPDATE: correction made. |
| Select a minute-taker | Jenaya | |
| Findings from the OISE GSA's Equity and Accessibility Students' Survey 2018-2019 (report written by: Maria Brisbane, Latifa Soliman, Iman Togone) | Latifa | Latifa provided a presentation of survey results with a focus on questions pertaining to the library. The survey was designed with support from Dr. Ruth Childs. There was a small number of respondents and low number of international student respondents. However, some interesting highlights include: • International student respondents expressed that they felt less aware of library services • Several questions focused on library study spaces and one on library operating hours. Responses to these questions did not provide clear direction for making any changes. • There were some very interesting responses to two open-ended questions: "What does library support look like to you? Which services |

| | | would make you feel more supported at the library?" and "Are there any changes OISE could make to the library space (e.g. furniture, layout, lighting, etc.) to make it more accessible, comfortable and better for studying?" that shed light on things for the library to consider. Latifa will share the report with the OLSAC. |
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| Updates on virtual conference idea | Latifa | Latifa followed up on a previous agenda item (InnovEd Program from December 2019 meeting) and further discussed her proposal for support for student initiatives, specifically, online conferences or remote attendance at conferences. At the last OLSAC meeting, everyone agreed that online conferences would benefit students from a financial perspective. It is also an important environmental initiative for the OISE community. • Latifa has spoken to various departments and committees • For the OISE graduate student research conference in April remote options will be offered in each room (Julia Duncan at the EC will support this) • Latifa's sense is that there is no budget to think about this as a project as a whole for OISE at this time. |
| Library resource lists | Nailisa | Nailisa provided a summary of the suggestions from the committee at the December 2019 meeting regarding the creation of resource lists. She notes that a draft of the list titled, Academic Writing Resrouces for International Graduate Students, has been completed. Cindy has circulated a draft to the ISA, with good feedback so far! Nailisa presented three mock-ups using showing three different versions of what the completed resource lists might look like and asked the committee questions about what they prefer and what they are looking for: Do you prefer print? Or online? Or a combo? ANSWER: Resource lists should be made available online. Do you prefer that the lists include cover images or no covers? |
| | | ANSWER: Covers are important. Should the lists include a long or brief description of the resource? ANSWER: Short description is fine (ie: mock-up 1) including content: Title, author, link, cover, year. |

| | | Suggestion: Include a short blurb at the top of each list telling readers of the lists to talk to a library if you need help, also include the book request link. The questions were followed by general discussion about the resrouces: Joanne: Could we link these lists with physical book displays? Or, could we promote them using rotating slides for 10 minutes in classrooms before workshops (similar to "just in time slides"). Joanne will provide example slides for the committee at our next meeting. Jenna: Would it be useful to have a list at the reference desk as well? As a support for reference service? Everyone agrees, YES. Additional topics for lists were suggested: Resources for research methods MT Topics: STEM, Mindfulness, Environment, LGBTQ friendly classrooms, English as additional language Black history month |
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| Promotion and outreach | Magdalene | At our previous meeting, Nailisa proposed following up Magdalene and Ellen to set up dates to take photos with their favourite books for the OISE Library social media. Magdalene notes that MT students when back from practicum will be ready to have photos taken with their favourite resources. |
| Adjourn. | Next meeting to be scheduled in spring 2020. | |