Name of Committee: Student Library Advisory Council

Name of Committee Sponsor: University Librarian

Date: November 2012 (revised)

Mission:

Under the authority of the Library Faculty Council, the Student Library Advisory Council will be a resource and forum in which to gather input and advice from the Mount Royal student body on the development and growth in Library Services. It will also share information about library initiatives with the student body.

Background:

Mount Royal promotes student representation in all formal governance bodies including the Board of Governors, the General Faculties Council and local Faculty Councils. Given the Library’s integral role in the academic success of all Mount Royal students, the Student Library Advisory Council will provide a regularized and broadly inclusive forum for students to share their suggestions and comments on library services and developments. The council is intended to augment existing student representation on other governing bodies and committees and to promote communication and information sharing between the Library and Mount Royal students.

Authority:

The Student Library Advisory Council is a creation of the Library Faculty Council. Recommendations from this subcommittee will be brought back to the Library Faculty Council for discussion and consideration.

Membership:

Elected from the membership of the LFC –
Committee chair to be selected by subcommittee members

- 2 members elected from the Library Faculty Council (2 year staggered terms)
- Chair, Library (ex-officio)
- University Librarian (ex-officio)
- 5, at least, student-at-large members (ideal core) (1 year terms with general call to be placed to student community each fall)
- 1 SAMRU appointed representative (1 year term)
Meetings:

The Council will hold public meetings as appropriate and invite students to provide feedback and input on particular issues. Planning meetings of the Council membership may also take place as needed for additional business and consultation.

Core Activities:

- Ensure ongoing communication and information sharing with Mount Royal Student body
- Organize regular public forum feedback meetings on current issues
- Provide advice and input to the LFC and the Library on service development matters
- Act as an information sharing body ensuring the Library hears student concerns and that Library activities and initiatives are communicated to the student body in a variety of ways.
- Promote student engagement through activities and events (e.g. Big Ideas Lounge, Freedom to Read week, etc).
- Administer the Library Award for Excellence in Scholarly Endeavours each, according to the award guidelines and Student Research Award sub-committee charter

Resources:

Administrative support will be provided by the Office of the University Librarian

Timeframe:

The work of the Library Student Advisory Council is ongoing. Annual review of the committee structure, activities and charter should be made annually at the start of each academic year.