

Education City Library Directors (ECLDC) Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Subject	Business Meeting	Date	1 March 2018
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm	Location	Qatar National Library, Room 2.44

<p>Attendees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adam Cath (TAMU-Q) 2. Amy Andres (VCUArts-Q) 3. Donna Hanson (GU-Q) 4. Fred Nesta (UCL-Q LIS) 5. Geetha Ramesh (ABP) 6. Mark Paul (NU-Q) 7. Mike Mandili (WCM-Q) 8. Milan Vasiljevic (QNL) 9. Rupert Williams (UCL-Q) 10. Saadi Al-Said (QNL) 11. Sohair Wastawy (QNL) 12. Teresa MacGregor (CMU-Q) 	
<p>Regrets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ghyslain Sabourin (HBKU CHSS) 2. Karen Neves (Sidra) 3. Kevin Phipps (Qatar Armed Forces, Academic Bridge Program) 4. Mohammed Mubarak (FIS) 	

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1	Minutes from Past Meeting			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to all by chair, Rupert Williams • Minutes of December 14, 2017 presented and approved. 	Info		
2	Old Business (i.e. Action items from last minutes)			
2.a	Update on matrix of physical sharing arrangements between EC Libraries (Gyhlain Sabourin absent)	Tabled for June meeting		
2.b	QNL ILL	Moved to new business		
3	New Business (i.e. from call for agenda items)			
3.a	<p>QNL ILL</p> <p>Directors shared experiences to date and discussed respective internal policy/process changes since QNL has opened.</p> <p>Amy raised issue of library clause in QF/VCU MOU and indicated that VCUQ library collection is mandated to support academics, curriculum and research. Sohair noted that QNL would serve the community as a public library (no research-level materials collected) and the university libraries should maintain academic collections.</p>	Info	June	Adam Cath

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	<p>Sohair requested that Stuart Hamilton and Milan Vasiljevic be added to listserv.</p> <p>Directors discussed possibility of branch-campus only listserv.</p> <p>Adam asked Sohair about QNLs role in coordinating a union catalog. Information on this topic will be forthcoming from QNL.</p>	<p>Adam will check listserv settings.</p> <p>Information pending from QNL</p>	<p>2018</p> <p>tbd</p>	<p>Sohair or other key operational staff from QNL</p>
3.b	<p>Visit by home campus deans/ULs (April 2018)</p> <p>Sohair shared the programming (pending some finals approvals) and VIP attendees that may contribute to agenda-building for dean/UL visit. Given some of the security logistics, directors may consider off-site meeting with deans/ULs day of QNL grand opening (April 16).</p>	<p>Adam and Amy will group Skype with their respective deans/ULs to discuss expectations and agenda. Further details will be discussed and arranged by email.</p>	<p>Mid-March</p>	<p>Adam Cath and Amy Andres</p>
3.b	<p>Alma/Primo User update and infoshare</p> <p>Carnegie Mellon will migrate to Alma in March 2018; Georgetown will migrate to Alma in July 2018.</p> <p>Northwestern and Virginia Commonwealth libraries already use Alma. Directors discussed possibility of creating an Alma users group listserv to provide interlibrary technical support.</p>	<p>Info</p>		
3.c	<p>Election/Nomination of next ECLDC secretary</p> <p>The March meeting is the last for the current chair (Rupert Williams) and secretary/chair-elect (Amy Andres). Amy will assume chair at the June 2018 meeting. Mark Paul will serve as secretary. The terms are for one year.</p> <p>The directors discussed the need for a more formal process for determining chair and secretary positions and considered a rotating basis.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Tabled for June meeting</p>	<p>June 7, 2018</p>	<p>Amy Andres</p>
4	Round-Table Updates (All)			
	<p>Rupert Williams (UCL). Business as usual.</p>	<p>Info</p>		
	<p>Teresa Macgregor (Carnegie Mellon). Noted upcoming conference presentations by librarian; the library will migrate to Alma in March 2018; the library has been invited by student groups to host various campus events.</p>	<p>Info</p>		

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	Teresa reported from the consortium: EC partner universities still <i>ex officio</i> members with no vote or financial obligations. Consortium members now have a cost sharing scheme in place: QNL pays 35%; interested institutions opt in for IP-authenticated access for a percentage based on their size and discipline-interest. For subscriptions not of interest to the QNL, the Consortium can still handle negotiations, license agreements, and cost-sharing among other institutions.			
	Milan Vasiljevic (QNL). QNL is working to improve user experience with online resources and changing Discovery settings. Target date is April 2018. QNL is focusing more on public user needs with regards to popular resources, including the availability of more fiction books through Overdrive and IELTS study guides. Will soon trial PressReader.	Info		
	Mike Mandili (Weill Cornell Medicine). WCM Library has developed a directory of open access resources in order to address information requests from the external medical community.	Info		
	Geetha Ramesh (ABP). Business as usual.	Info		
	Mark Paul (Northwestern). Noted slower than usual student traffic; 2 librarians presented at FYE conferences; Library sponsors a club called Biblophiles that hosts a poetry night for EC community.			
	Amy Andres (Virginia Commonwealth). Amy noted that Virginia Commonwealth is celebrating its 20 th anniversary as part of Education City; the school is preparing for its biennial design conference, Tasmeem; the library is working on implementing a data dashboard and is revising its collection development policy in light of QNLs recent opening.	Info		
	Donna Hanson (Georgetown). The library will migrate to Alma in July 2018; the library is waiting for the arrival of a new instruction librarian; they have ended their community borrower program; traffic is still heavy in the evenings; shipping costs from main campus have dropped significantly since opening of QNL.	Info		
	Adam Cath (Texas A&M). The library staff is discussing how to extend hours during exam week (without benefit of in-person staff).	Info		

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	Sohair Wastawy (QNL). Sohair shared information about programming and logistics for the week of the library's grand opening.	Info		
	Fred Nesta (UCL). The library program has 4 faculty members; Fred delivered a paper in Hong Kong about the history of consortia; UCL has welcomed a new teaching fellow; Fred has submitted paperwork to restructure program with 4 separate study tracks including management, data management, school librarianship, and archives.	Info		
5	Next meeting date and location			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: Thursday, June 7 at 10:00am (UCL to host) • Meeting adjourned. 	Info		