June 25, 2014

TO: Provost’s Council

FROM: Dr. Joanne C. Keselman, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost

RE: Recommendation on the Appointment of a University Librarian

I am pleased to advise you that, at its June 24, 2014 meeting, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Ms. Mary-Jo Romaniuk as University Librarian for a five year period, effective October 1, 2014.

Ms. Romaniuk is currently an Adjunct Faculty member at the University of Southern California where she is assisting to develop a combined innovative library and management program at the Marshall School of Business. From 2010 to 2012, she served as the Acting Chief Librarian at the University of Alberta. From 2008 to 2010, she held the position of Associate University Librarian and Director of Learning Services. Prior to assuming the position of Associate University Librarian, she served as Director of Learning Services from 2000 to 2007 and Head of Financial Systems, Analysis and Statistics, Library System from 1997 to 2000.

Before joining the University of Alberta, Ms. Romaniuk worked with the Government of Alberta’s Department of Economic Development and Tourism and as an Audit Senior with Thorne, Ernst and Whinney.

At the University of Alberta, Ms. Romaniuk has been an active participant on many Libraries and university-wide committees including, Dean’s and General Faculties Councils, the Budget Advisory Committee, Library Council, and the Administrative Information Systems Steering Committee. She has been an active contributor to many major initiatives undertaken at the University of Alberta, including their Learning Services: Academic Plan and Senate’s Aboriginal Lodge of Learning Needs Assessment. As well and since 2007, she has served to facilitate, organize and lecture with the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute, which supports the training and development of emerging library leaders.

Ms. Romaniuk is nearing completion of her doctorate from the Queensland University of Technology, holds a masters of library and information science degree from San Jose State University (2008) and a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan (1983). Her areas of scholarly interest include leadership development in the library profession and she had published, as well as disseminated her work at provincial, national and international conferences.
Ms. Romaniuk has been and continues to be active in terms of professional service. She is currently Secretary and Board Member of CLOCKSS and served as Treasurer of the Canadian Library Association from 2012-13, and as the institutional representative to CARL and COPPUL from 2011 to 2012 and 2009 to 2012, respectively. She also served as the institutional representative to the CRKN from 2008 to 2012. She is a member of numerous professional organizations including, the International Leadership Association, American Library Association, Canadian Library Association, Association of Library and Information Science Educators, and the Library Association of Alberta.

Given Ms. Romaniuk’s demonstrated achievements in library administration, I believe that the Libraries can look forward to a very promising future under her leadership.

Please join me in extending congratulations to her on her appointment as University Librarian. I look forward to welcoming Ms. Romaniuk as a member of Provost’s Council, and to working with her to advance the interests of the University Libraries and the University.

cc: Executive Council
    Ms. M.J. Romaniuk