

FW: Dismantling of Book Collections at the Faculty of Information

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Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:34 PM**To:** Nalini Singh

From: Chloe Mia Tan [chloe.mia.tan@consultant.com]**Sent:** February-22-18 2:18 AM**To:** Cheryl Regehr; Meric Gertler**Cc:** Kathleen Scheaffer; Elisa Sze**Subject:** Fw: Dismantling of Book Collections at the Faculty of Information

Dear President Gertler and Provost Regehr,

I know you are both busy leaders, but we need your attention.

The Dean of the Faculty of Information, Prof Wendy Duff, has written to all students at the Faculty of Information stating she that has arranged, without open consultation, for the print collections housed in the INFORUM Library at the Faculty of Information to be moved to Robarts (and other UTL Libraries) with effect from May 1, 2018. Robarts is next door, but it does not have onsite Librarian support for our School's information book and serial collection. The collection provides a physical coherence for both the MI and and MMST programs which will be lost if the collection is moved. This will be a tremendous loss for students in the Faculty. I understand that her predecessor partially dismantled the collection, but the iSchool Faculty Council limited the damage by approving only a partial reduction on the understanding that a core part of the collection would remain in the INFORUM supported by INFORUM Librarians and accessible to Faculty of Information (and other Toronto) students until Council voted differently. At the time the Faculty Council approved only a partial reduction in the scale of the collection and it has not subsequently approved any further reduction in the size of the collection. In deciding to dismantle the collection the Dean is not respecting the wishes of her Faculty Council. She is not respecting the needs of her students. She is also creating bad publicity for our programs at the time of year when master's students are deciding whether or not to study at the Faculty in 2018-19.

As you can see from the message below (and I understand there were some supporting attachments which I have not seen), INFORUM Librarian Kathleen Scheaffer has raised serious concerns about the decision of the Dean to move the INFORUM print collection to Robarts Library (and other UTL Libraries) from May 1, 2018. The Dean has dismissed these objections without formal consultation and without seeking approval from Faculty Council for such a decision.

Could you ask your Dean to please respect the earlier vote of her Faculty Council and to leave the INFORUM collection intact.

yours respectfully,
Chloe

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Subject: Re: Moving the print collections in the Inforum

Hello all,