



June 6, 2018

Prof. Wendy Duff  
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Dear Prof. Duff,

The USW Local 1998 Executive has been very concerned about what we have been hearing from the Faculty of Information community about the decision to dismantle and disperse the Inforum collection. Initial information about this suggested that this change would be implemented May 1<sup>st</sup>. I presume that this has been postponed, as we have not had any news that the changes have been carried out.

We represent Library Technicians who work directly with the Inforum collection and we are very concerned about the future of their positions in the University. Neither the staff nor the Union has had any indication what such a move would mean for their continuing employment. As you can imagine, it is very stressful for staff to be aware of upcoming changes to the collection and, by extension, their work without any information on how they would be directly impacted.

Furthermore, we understand that these decisions have been made without a thorough consultation with students, staff, faculty and librarians, as the Faculty of Information has done in the past, including in 2015 when the issue of dismantling and dispersing the collection first arose. At that time, the decision was made to keep the collection whole and in the Bissell Building.

The fact that the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline has passed without the collection being closed or our USW members being informed that their jobs will be impacted is encouraging. We would like to stress that FIS should not proceed with any plans to disperse the collection until a transparent and wide consultation with all FIS stakeholders has occurred.

Sincerely,



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