Project Statements 2017/18

Project Name: Library Master Space Plan

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Project Team:

Project Goals: Identify and pursue funding opportunities for major gifts. Explore grant opportunities. During 2017/18, the project will focus on the renovation of 88 Forsythe, the new home of the Bertrand Russell Archives and the Bertrand Russell Research Centre; relocating and renovating several staff areas in Mills, exploring opportunities to renovate additional space on the lower level of Thode Library.

Linked to the following Strategic Directions:

> #4 – Facilitate deep learning and creativity for students through the provision of innovative physical and virtual environments, services and learning opportunities.

> #7 – Secure appropriate financial resources required to maintain a world-class research library.

Scope (work the project will include and will not include; end results):

- Have identified smaller projects which might be completed should money be found, which would not be contingent on other construction projects taking place first; have provided the Library Development Officer with a list of these smaller projects, with proposed dollar amounts for each
- No active work is being done around proposed renovations to the Innis Library pending possible renovation work to be done in the School of Business. Should these larger plans come to fruition discussion around impacts on the Innis Library and more focused planning for potential renovations will take place

Time Frame: The Master Space Plan is a multi-year undertaking.   Components will be worked on as funding comes available.

Risks (circumstances or events outside of the project team's control that will have a high adverse impact on the project if they occur):

> As with any library space project, prospective donors may choose other priorities.

The University may identify other areas as having higher priority for either internal funding or government grant applications.

Obstacles/Constraints:

Securing funding.

Time to work with partners.

Critical Milestones:

Opening of the new Bertrand Russell Archives and Research Centre in June 2018, as part of the 50th anniversary of the acquisition of the Bertrand Russell archives, to coincide with the on-campus meeting of the Russell Society and the Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP).

Assessment plan (how will the project and its outcomes be evaluated?):

The original Library Master Space plan suggested the work outlined in this plan take place over a period of ten years, with estimated costs at several different escalation points provided. Each year this work doesn't get completed means it will cost more to do it, given the increase in price for both materials and labour.

Each year we will summarize what was able to be accomplished during the past year and will update a list of potential initiatives to determine what is still left to do, and what these initiatives might cost.

Update #1 (Feb 2018):

What have you accomplished to date?

- Renovation of the property at 88 Forsythe is well underway (work started in late fall 2017)
- Continue to have discussions around some possible elements of the larger Master Space Plan, which may be triggered as a result of the opening of the Russell House
- Further development of programming in the Thode Makerspace over the last few months; adding new and upgraded equipment as these are identified

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 3 months?

- Anticipate construction to be complete by end of April 2018
- Plans for a grand opening and several events related to the 50th anniversary of the acquisition of the Russell Archives themselves planned for May and June 2018

- Starting to plan for the relocation of the Digitization Lab and the creation of a more fulsome Accessibility Centre in the library
- Anticipate the introduction of user-focused training sessions and workshops related to the Makerspace facility

What obstacles/constraints have you encountered (not noted above)?

Update #2 (April 2018):