



LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 2 March 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Professor David Price (*Chair*)

Dr Paul Ayris; Dr Simon Banks; Dr Mike Cope; Dr Caroline Essex; Dr Richard Freeman; Ms Clare Goudy; Mr Rex Knight; Ms Suguna Nair;

Preliminary business

19 **MINUTES OF 17 DECEMBER 2015 MEETING**

19.1 **Approved** – the Minutes of the Library Committee meeting held on 17 December 2015 [*LC Minutes 1-18, 2015-16*].

20 **MEMBERSHIP**

20.1 The Secretary had approached Lesley Pitman regarding the possibility of a representative from UCL SSEES attending meetings of LC over the 2015-16 session, in lieu of Professor Simon Dixon, who was on sabbatical.

20.2 LC welcomed Clare Goudy, who would attend LC meetings in substitution of Professor Anthony Smith, Vice-Provost (Education and Student Affairs). The Secretary explained that a change in the *ex-officio* constitution of LC, enabling a nominee to take up membership in lieu of the Vice-Provost, had been submitted to Council for approval.

21 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

[*see also 22, 23, 24 and 25 below*]

21A **Growth in E-Content**

[*PAPER 1-02 (15-16)*]

[*LC Minute 4.4, 17.12.15*]

21A.1 The budget to enhance the Library's e-journal content had not yet been confirmed. Faculty Library Representatives had encouraged Faculty Deans to recognise the importance of the growth in e-content and to support budget bids to increase this allocation.

21B **LERU Press Statement on Open Access**

[*PAPER LC 1-05 (15-16)*]

[*LC Minute 7.5, 17.12.15*]

21B.1 Researchers had been encouraged to sign the LERU Statement and of the 9,500 signatures obtained from across Europe, around 150 were contributed by UCL colleagues. The Director of Library Services thanked Professor Richard North in particular for his assistance in raising the many signatures added by colleagues in the Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences.

21C **ReadingLists@UCL**

[*PAPER LC 1-07 (15-16)*]

[*LC Minutes 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 17.12.15*]

21C.1 Expired courses had yet to be purged from Portico. New figures obtained subsequent to the purge would be presented at the next meeting of LC.

ACTION: Dr Paul Ayris

21C.2 The Director of Library Services had liaised with colleagues regarding the possibility of Professional Services staff uploading entries to ReadingLists@UCL annually over the summer periods.

21C.3 Errors with the labelling of department and faculty names had been addressed in the ReadingLists@UCL figures. The data presented at *PAPER LC 2-13 (15-16)* reflected those corrections [see 23 below].

21D Pearson E-Book Licensing Policy

[LC Minutes 11.2, 11.3, 17.12.15]

21D.1 Since the last meeting of LC, colleagues in the Department of Chemistry had analysed the level of demand for a Pearson textbook to which it had been difficult to provide general access under Pearson's new licensing model. The level of demand for the textbook was not overwhelming; however, it was hoped that Pearson would agree to renegotiate its offer. Actions would also be taken to publish a new UCL Chemistry textbook via UCL Press.

21D.2 The Director of Library Services had relayed the concerns raised by Dr Caroline Essex at the last meeting of LC to Jisc Collections, the main procurement body that negotiates access licenses. Subsequently, Jisc and members of the HE community met with Pearson and communicated that the model Pearson had suggested, which would involve a significant increase to the cost of access licenses, was unacceptable. It was noted that Pearson had since withdrawn its offer and was in negotiations with Jisc to offer a new deal.

21E LC Annual Report

[LC Minute 15, 17.12.15]

21E.1 The LC Annual Report 2014-15 [*PAPER LC 1-09 (15-16)*] had been submitted to Academic Committee for formal approval.

Matters for discussion

22 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UCL LIBRARY SERVICES STRATEGY

[*PAPER 2-12 (15-16)*]

22.1 *Received*

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publishing models, a UCL representative would participate in the working group on scientific publishing models.

- 24.6 The Director of Library Services drew LC members' attention to the planned next steps for UCL in relation to Open Science and reported that he would take a leading role in coordinating UCL's response to the agenda. Next steps for UCL included devising a Policy Paper and Implementation Plan by September 2016. Workshops would also be taking place to engage with researchers and acquire their insight. It was considered to be positive for the University to be at the leading edge of the Open Science agenda, given that it would affect the entire HE community, particularly in light of the REF requirements.
- 24.7 LC noted that the different approaches to OA generally adopted by publishers and Research Councils placed researchers in a difficult position with regards to the publication of their work. If RCUK were to expect a higher level of compliance from researchers in the future, then it might result in the need to advise researchers to avoid using certain publishers whose policies would be incompatible with RCUK's requirements.
- 24.8 The download figures for eight OA books published by UCL Press had reached approximately 17,000 in the space of less than a year [see PAPER LC 2-12 (15-16)]. It was noted that this figure was likely to be much higher than if the books had been sold in print form only. The extent of the exposure and the breadth of coverage – with downloads in over 150 countries worldwide – were also very positive.

25 **UCL DISCOVERY FOR MASTER'S THESES: PILOT WITH MAPS FACULTY**
[PAPER 2-15 (15-16)]

25.1 **Received** – an overview of how UCL Library Services intended to pilot a plan to make selected, high-quality Master's theses available on Open Access via UCL Discovery.

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was recommended that these results should also be considered by the working group on Library estates.

26B.4 The provision of learning spaces at UCL (at a ratio of 9.9 students per space) fell short of the Russell Group average (at 8 students per learning space). It was pointed out that spaces at Senate House Library should be factored into the learning space figures and that care should be taken to avoid double counting postgraduate research students, who might be allocated spaces within their respective departments. It was also suggested that desk size be taken into account, as students' physical space needs differed depending on their working styles. Ben Meunier and Mark Cranmer would liaise with individual departments to capture the number of spaces designated to their postgraduate research students. The Director of Library Services would present revised figures and an update at the next meeting of LC.

ACTION: Ben Meunier, Mark Cranmer & Dr Paul Ayris

Other matters for approval or information
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27 **EXTENDING ACCESS TO RESEARCH LITERATURE FOR NHS STAFF: FINCH REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

[PAPER 2-18 (15-16)]

27.1 **Received** – an analysis of a pilot undertaken by UCL Library Services and Jisc Collections in response to the Finch Report on OA.

- 29.2 Since the previous LC meeting, LC officers had received the Minutes of the following Working Groups: