



Library Committee

Tuesday 23 May 2023, 2.00pm

Video-conferencing meeting via MS Teams

Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion

4. Report of the Pro-Vice-Provost (UCL Library, Culture, Collections and Open Science (LCCOS)) (3-01)

- 4.1. The Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) introduced the paper setting out an update on performance against the current Key Performance Areas of the Library Strategy since the last LC meeting. The following points were made during the presentation:
- a. UCL had performed extremely well in the National Student Survey (NSS) results over the past two years and was above the sector average at 77.6% in 2022 in relation to questions about Library Resources.
 - b. Two LCCOS staff/teams had been shortlisted for the Provost's ECE

- f. It was intended to make all UCL's research-promoting audio and video outputs including podcasts more visible and to disseminate them to a wider audience.
- g. The storage, interpretation and display of the Museum collections needed investment, and increased gallery and exhibition space for the LCCOS collections would be sought.

5.2. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. It was noted that individuals could continue to visit UCL's Museums and Collections in person. However, while digital collecting would have resource implications, the collections could then be made available globally.
- b. In terms of increasing student learning spaces, it was suggested that the reduction of staff space or larger print collections for example could also be considered.
- c. Physical collections remained important and relevant academic colleagues would be involved in determining the hard copies that could go to stores and those that should be kept at the Library. It was noted that the Library would not take unilateral action in this area.

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the Collections Fellowships, that had attracted a number of high calibre applications.

- 7.2. The following points were raised in discussion:
- a. In relation to the exposure to UCL's Special Collections for new students as part of their induction process, it was noted that the scope of this work could be enlarged and better promoted.
 - b. In response to the suggestion of holding a special event or conference to showcase UCL's Special Collections material, it was intended that some pan-UCL exhibitions and travelling exhibitions be curated as part of UCL's Bicentennial celebrations.
 - c. In relation to the robustness of Senate House as a potential partner in a collaboration with UCL, it was noted that it had had a high turnover of staff in recent years.
- 7.3. LC received the report on Special Collections developments.

8. LCCOS Planning for UCL East Phase 2 (3-05)

- 8.1. The Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) introduced the paper setting out possible developments for LCCOS provision under UCL East Phase 2. The following points were made during the presentation:
- a. A number of LCCOS areas of potential interest had been identified around: additional study spaces; Special Collections; Studio space; Citizen science space; and Museum space.
 - b. It was suggested that more study space was required, given the growing student population at UCL East and to help maintain a 1:8 ratio (study space:students).
 - c. UCL East could hold collections around London Social History and expansion space for collections to enable collection-based education and research. This would also complement the collaborative work with Senate House Library.
 - d. There was a chronic shortage of studio space for theatre classes/performances at UCL. More space for a number of UCL East-based programmes and to support the Student Life Strategy could be run through LCCOS.
 - e. It was considered that UCL East offered tremendous potential to create a flexible space for exhibitions and engagement that was usable by the whole UCL East community.
 - f. In terms of Museums and Collections, it was considered that there were opportunities to lift and shift that could be explored given the challenges of the existing estate in Bloomsbury. More space would also allow UCL to display and market these areas of cultural heritage better.
- 8.2. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. It was noted that the development of more spaces at UCL East could be beneficial for Museums and Collections to allow people from outside UCL, such as tourists that were also visiting the Olympic Park, to visit the collections.
- b. It was suggested that whilst UCL East was an attractive base for future LCCOS developments, UCL's collection materials were considered to fit better with Bloomsbury, given the proximity to the British Museum.
- c. At this stage, LCCOS was examining the pros and cons of further developments at UCL East.

8.3. LC received the report on LCCOS Planning for UCL East Phase 2.

Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information

9. Project Bidding in UCL Library Services (3-06)

9.1. LC received the report on project bidding in UCL Library Services.

10. Reports from Working Groups (3-07)

- 10.1. Since the last meeting, LC officers had received the Minutes of the following Working Groups that report to LC:
- a. Bibliometrics Working Group – 1st March 2023 (confirmed).
 - b. Bibliometrics Working Group – 2nd May 2023 (unconfirmed).
 - c. Open Science and Scholarship Committee – 2nd February 2023 (confirmed).
 - d. Open Science and Scholarship Committee – 27th April 2023 (unconfirmed).
 - e. Press and Publications Board

- a. The Library was aware of this issue and it was linked to whether the retiree retained Emeritus status or not, given publisher restrictions on who could be considered an 'authorised user'.
- b. Publishers followed the Jisc one-size-fits-all model that determined that unless the retiree had Emeritus status, they could not have access to digital resources remotely. However, such staff could still have digital access to the materials in person on site.
- c. It noted that the Open University had a dedicated person who retirees could contact to obtain access to such material and advice would be sought on how they approached this issue.

12.3. LC:

- a. Agreed that the Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) approach the Open University about their approach to remote digital access to its online resources for its retired academic staff.

13. Dates for LC meetings in 2023-24 session

- 13.1. Subsequent to the meeting, the dates for LC meetings in 2023-24 were confirmed as follows:

Friday 3 November 2023, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 6 February 2024, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 23 May 2024