LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Monday 5 March 2018

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:
Mr Rex Knight (*Chair*);
Ms Sarah Al-Aride; Mrs Stefanie Anyadi [*for items 16-18*]; Dr Paul Ayris; Dr Simon Banks; Dr Mike Cope; Dr Charles Inskip; Professor Vivek Mudera; Dr Leun Otten

In attendance: Mr Martin Moyle (Director of Services, UCL Library Services – *observer*); Ms Olivia Whiteley (Secretary to Library Committee)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Mark Crawford, Dr Richard Freeman, Dr Kenth Gustafsson, Mr Ben Meunier, Dr Sophia Psarra, Dr John Sabapathy, Professor Philip Schofield, Professor Anthony Smith and Dr Hazel Smith.

Key to abbreviations

FLC	Faculty Library Committee
HR	Human Resources
KPA	Key Performance Area
LC	Library Committee
PRES	Postgraduate Research Experience Survey
SCONUL	Society of College, National and University Libraries

Preliminary business

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16 **MINUTES OF 6 DECEMBER 2017 MEETING**

16.1 *Approved* – the Minutes of the Library Committee meeting held on 6 December 2017 [*LC Minutes 1-15, 2017-18*].

17 **MATTERS ARIS [(AT3-1) [(N)-20.6 GS**

[LC Minute 4.3, 06.12.17]

17A.1   Following the December 2017 meeting of LC, the results of investigations into UCL's learning space needs were shared with Dr Nick Barratt, Acting Librarian of Senate House Library.

17B   **"Share the Space" initiative**
[LC Minute 6.3, 06.12.17]

17B.1   Following the discussions at the last meeting of LC, Martin Moyle had explored ways of monitoring take-up of unattended desk spaces in the "Share the Space" scheme.

Matters for discussion

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18   **REPORT FROM THE PRO-VICE-PROVOST (UCL LIBRARY SERVICES)**
[PAPER 2-13 (17-18)]

18.1   *Received* – the report on progress in implementing the Library Services Strategy at <u>LC 2-13 (17-18)</u>, presented by Dr Paul Ayris, Pro-Vice-Provost (UCL Library Services).

18.2   The Pro-Vice-Provost highlighted a slight increase in UCL engagement with ReadingLists@UCL since the last report to LC; as of January 2018, 66% of modules with a Portico presence had an online Reading List, which was noted

18.4   Also highlighted was the recent ceremony to celebrate topping out the new Student Centre. A recurrent theme emerging from student surveys was a concern over the lack of learning spaces, and while Library Services had taken action just prior to the start of the 2017-18 session to make over 500 new spaces available within the Library footprint, the new Student Centre would offer 1,000 digitally-enabled learning spaces, thereby marking a transformation for the service provided by the Library to students.

18.5   LC Officers were invited to comment on how the Library might continue to address the specific needs of Postgraduate Research students. It was thought that the needs of Postgraduate Research students would differ depending on their discipline of study and the location of their department. Co-locating students with their research groups and increasing designated desk spaces near to laboratories were cited as examples, albeit not necessarily within the Library's remit. By segmenting the results of the recent PRES by discipline and Faculty, it was advised that a more nuanced approach could be taken to address the varied needs of Postgraduate Research students. Ben Meunier and Dr Mike Cope would meet to discuss LC's suggestions with the Vice-Provost (Research) and Pro-Vice-Provost of the Doctoral School. Areas of future opportunity would be compiled into a report.

ACTION: Ben Meunier & Dr Mike Cope

18.6   The report at LC 2-13 (17-18) provided an update on progress with the Systems and Processes KPA of the Library Services Strategy, highlighting the results of a recently commissioned report on usage of mobile devices to access Library Services. Recent developments in mobile technology included a mobile-friendly adaptation of the Library website, as well as the "UCL Go!" application, a module of which was dedicated to Library Services. A number of possible future activities to enhance mobile services were outlined for the next iteration of the Library Services Strategy. Members of LC were invited to share their views on the role of mobile technology in the student experience and interactions with the Library; space sourcing functionality, along with ease of use and consistency across different devices, were considered welcome developments. It was noted that a ChangeMakers Project was underway to collect data on students' vision of a mobile library; a report was anticipated in the summer and would be shared with Library Services once available.

ACTION: Martin Moyle & Dr Charles Inskip

18.7   The soft launch of the UCL Press megajournal platform took place on 16 January 2018. The scope of the megajournal, which was expected to go live towards the end of the year, was to bring together cross-disciplinary outputs in environmental science within a single platform that would be open in terms of access, transparency of peer review and research data and encourage evaluation based on the use of responsible metrics. Research funders had already begun to establish similar platforms and it was thought that in so doing a transition towards Open Access could be achieved. LC Officers were invited to share their views on future and subject-specific models for the UCL Press megajournal and a number of suggested areas for further reflection were contributed, including the following:

x The impact of the online megajournal on article searching behaviours, which might be less likely to reflect current tendencies to browse for outputs;

x The extent to which perceptions of the value of commercial journals and journal impact factors could pose a barrier to the megajournal achieving its aims; and similarly, the extent to which the quality and efficiency of the megajournal's own editorial and review processes – including the openness of peer reviewers' names and comments – might influence researchers' publishing decisions. It was noted that steps were underway to assign an international board to the UCL Press megajournal;

x The likelihood of future institutional competition for quality, readership and impact in the context of a potential step change in which researchers could choose to publish via a range of institutionally branded megajournals.

18.8   Library Services and UCL HR planned to run a series of workshops in the summer to communicate plans to address the Open Science agenda within UCL. This would be followed by an Open Science training and advocacy programme in the 2018-19 session. Another development underway as part of UCL's implementation of the Open Science agenda was the drafting of a UCL Bibliometrics Policy, which would soon be sent out for consultation. A report on UCL's progress in Open Science would be presented at the next meeting of LC.

ACTION: Dr Paul Ayris

19   **UCL COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**
[PAPER 2-14 (17-18)]

19.1   *Received* – the report on UCL Library Services' recent developments in collection management at LC 2-14 [.8jE

were added to the Library's permanent collection. A careful selection of the final holding, possibly informed by user ratings, was advised such as to minimise a negative impact on the student experience and expectations. A caveat was also noted in that the availability of e-book resources was uneven across disciplines.

19.4   Library Services had taken stept.152 Td   (12-6.7 (ept.152 Td   ((o)117 (ad51 (unev)8.8i0.2

x Arts and Humanities and Social and Historical Sciences Joint Faculty Library Committee – 1 June 2017 and 29 November 2017 (unconfirmed);

x Built Environment Faculty Library Committee – 16 November 2017;

x Engineering Sciences Faculty Teaching Committee – 6 November 2017 (unconfirmed);

x Laws Faculty Library Committee – 31 May 2017.

25 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

25.1 The next meeting of LC would take place on **Monday 11 June 2018** at **2.00pm**.

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