

- b. UCL had the highest level of Open Access publications among a global reference group of approximately 80 large universities, at around 83% over the last five years.
- c. The site of the DMS Watson building, currently housing the UCL Science Library and the Petrie Museum, had been identified by Estates as a potential location for a new Student Union building. A Working Group was being established to look at feasible options and possible future accommodation for the Science Library.

16.2. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. LC members noted that LCCOS should have a strong voice in the conversation regarding the DMS Watson building, given that the Science Library was currently the largest provider of study space facilities within UCL. The Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) reassured LC members that both he and the Vice-Provost (Faculties) were involved in the discussions and would make clear the importance of this space; any relocation of the Science Library would need to be of equivalent high-quality to replicate this provision. It was suggested that there should also be engagement with users as to what they valued most about the space; the Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) confirmed that he would take this forward if the discussions were to reach such a stage.
- b. In response to a question regarding whether there was data on individual faculties' Open Access percentages, the Director of Services (LCCOS) suggested that it should be possible to look at this data by discipline/subject area, if not by faculty. The Director of Services (LCCOS) would follow up on this with Andrew Gray, Bibliometrics Support Officer for LCCOS. (Action: Director of Services (LCCOS))
- c. In response to feedback that PGR students were disappointed by recent changes in Library opening hours meaning the main Science Libraries now closed at midnight, the Director of Services (LCCOS) explained that this decision had been taken for reasons of safety, sustainability and cost-efficiency, as hardly any borrowing had been taking place at this time; the Student Centre remained open all night if students wanted somewhere to study during this time.
- d. Following the news that the University of Sorbonne had moved to using the OpenAlex system as its core bibliographic dataset, a question was raised as to whether UCL had looked into using this system. The Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) reported that there were no immediate plans to move from UCL's existing facilities, Scopus and Web of Science, but this would be kept under review.

16.3. LC received the Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) report.

17. LCCOS Strategy , 2024-27 (2-03)

17.1. The Director of Services (LCCOS) introduced the paper which provided a

already underway following a sizeable investment from UoL; the next phase of development would be funded by a mixture of UoL investment and philanthropic funding. Capital costs would be covered by UoL but member institutions would be expected to help to cover the cost of running the services.

- d. It was intended that this Special Collections Centre would complement the National Centre for Humanities by providing a physical space where

Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information

24. Library Committee Annual Report 2022- 23 (2-09)

24.1. LC approved the Library Committee Annual Report 2022-23 for onward submission to Academic Committee, Academic Board and Council.

25. Project Bidding in UCL Library Services (2-10)

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

26. Report from Faculty Library Committees (2-11)

26.1. Since the last meeting, LC officers had received the Minutes of the following Faculty Library Committees (FLCs) or Faculty-level committees that consider Library matters:

- a. Faculty of Arts & Humanities and Social & Historical Sciences Joint FLC – 15 November 2023 (Unconfirmed)
- b. Faculty of Built Environment FLC – 9 March 2023
- c. Faculty of Built Environment FLC – 25 May 2023
- d. Faculty of Built Environment FLC – 23 November 2023
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