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## 5 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ACCESS AGREEMENT 2012-13

### **Noted:**

- 5.1 The report and recommendations at LC 1-02 (12-13), introduced by the Director of UCL Library Services.

### **Reported:**

- 5.2 The driver for the three recommendations at LC 1-02 (12-13) was the action taken by the LSE library (and subsequently by the SOAS library) during 2011-12 not to allow access to its library to other UoL students in the period between March and June 2012, owing to the extreme pressures on study space. Discussion within UCL shortly after LSE's announcement had resulted in UCL Library Services taking similar measures to deny access to its own Library to LSE and SOAS taught students for an equivalent period.

### **Discussion:**

- 5.3 Although members of LC agreed that the reciprocal action taken by UCL had been regrettable, it was recognised that this had been driven by the LSE acting in contravention of the spirit of the UoL Access Agreement and by the need to protect the interests of UCL's own students.
- 5.4 Members of LC agreed that the recommendations proposed at LC 1-02 (12-13) were both sensible and reasonable. However, it was agreed that recommendation 8.c might be amended as follows (through addition of the underlined text) with a view to granting UCL Library Services the ability to exercise discretion where necessary:

That in order to cope with rising demand for space, UCL Library Services normally refuses to offer new memberships to members of the public, i.e. those without any university or scholarly affiliation during third term only. (Again, those seeking access to our rare/unique holdings would still be admitted.)

- 5.5 It was agreed that the Director of UCL Library Services and colleagues should be asked to clarify what the Library Services' position would be on dealing with membership renewals in the context of the recommendations at LC 1-02 (12-13).

### **RESOLVED:**

- 5.6 ***That the recommendations at LC 1-02 (12-13) be approved subject to incorporation of the proposed amendment at Minute 5.4 above and the Director of UCL Library Services seeking clarification on the Library's position with regard to the issue raised at Minute 5.5 above.***

**ACTION: Dr Paul Ayris**

## 6 OPEN ACCESS DEVELOPMENTS

### 6A Going For Gold: Gold Open Access publishing infrastructure for research universities in Europe

**Noted:**

6A.1 A report at [LC 1-03 \(12-13\)](#), introduced by the Director of UCL Library Services.

**Reported:**

6A.2 'Going for Gold' was a three-year research infrastructure development project which was designed to create shared Gold Open Access publishing infrastructures for research universities in Europe. The product of the publishing infrastructure would be Gold Open Access monographs in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, which were typically produced in research universities.

6A.3 The international partnership that would comprise the 'Going for Gold' project was being selected from various European universities, most of which were already members of LERU. Although the project was yet to be fully costed, current estimates indicated a cost of around €5 million. The original intention had been to submit a bid for EU funding in 2013; however, since then, the Arcadia Fund had contacted the project proponents to express an interest in funding the project. This had led to an outline proposal being submitted to the Arcadia Fund in October 2012 with a view to this being worked up into a full proposal for submission in the Spring 2013.

**Discussion:**

6A.4 The following points were noted during discussion:

- In the event that the Going for Gold project got off the ground, there would need to be incentives to create an onus for researchers to submit their outputs to the shared publishing infrastructure Open Access project rather than through traditional publishing outlets;
- Work would be carried out as part of the project to ensure that the shared services would be sustainable from the close of the project phase. To this end, the business planning process would begin with a landscape survey, combining desk research and stakeholder interviews, to gather data about open access monograph publishing in terms of costs, demand, activity levels, products and services. A full business model for the sustained maintenance of 'Going for Gold's' shared services and publishing operations would be delivered in year 3 of the project.
- The outcomes of the project phase would be useful for helping to inform principles and practices relating to UCL's own general e-presence.

### 6B Developments in the light of the Finch Report [LC Min. 38.3, 14.6.12]

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**7 SENATE HOUSE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS REVIEW: IMPLICATIONS FOR UCL**

***Noted:***

- 7.1 The report at LC 1-04 (12-13), introduced by the Director of UCL Library Services.

***Reported:***

- 7.2 While UCL Library Services was able to collect comprehensively in the majority of SHS disciplines that were represented by the current SHL collections, the SHL's realignment of certain collections (eg the refocused continuation of Politics, Economics, Sociology, and Classical Studies as part of the collection grouping of Historical Studies; the realignment of the Psychology collection and termination of spend on clinical psychology) and its complete cessation of other collections (eg Geography, Law, Health Studies and the History of Science, Technology and Medicine) were cause for concern and would have implications for UCL postgraduate research students and academic/research staff. In light of this, UCL Library Services had requested that further information, including specifically revised collection development policies for those areas to be realigned, should be provided by SHL as a matter of urgency so that the extent of the impact that this would have on UCL collections could be properly assessed.
- 7.3 UCL Library Services had also requested to see the SHL's list of periodical titles that would be halted so that it could assess the impact of the SHL's cancellation exercise on UCL collections, along with a more granular breakdown of UCL use of the SHL by student/staff status and discipline. Although the SHL had since made available a list of 250 SHS periodical titles that it intended to cut, this did not cover monographs, so UCL Library Services colleagues would be recontacting SHL with a view to establishing a clearer indication of SHL's collecting intentions in the monograph field. In instances where titles on the SHL list were available digitally, Library Services proposed to bid for funding for new e-resources to purchase the digital equivalent so that this could be made available as part of the UCL collections. However, it would not be possible for the Library to increase its hard-copy monograph collection owing to

fund provision of a new library. Although space had been indentified, discussion was continuing around refurbishment plans and costs. However, it was hoped that a recurrent annual budget of around £250K could be established to fund the new provision. In the event that it was unable to come to an agreement, the fall back position would be for students and staff to use the Royal Free Medical Library.

## **9 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIBRARY STRATEGY 2011-14: UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

### ***Noted:***

- 9.1 The report at LC 1-05 (12-13), introduced by the Director of UCL Library Services.

### ***Reported:***

- 9.2 Twenty-four-hour opening of the Main and Science Libraries (Monday through to Saturday) had commenced on 1 October 2012.
- 9.3 The increasing level of student satisfaction with the UCL Library had been reflected in the 2012 NSS results. The percentage of students who had indicated satisfaction with the UCL library resources and services had increased to 87% from the previous year's figure of 84% (this was against the sector average of 83%).

## **10 DIGITISATION ACTIVITY**

### ***Noted:***

- 10.1 An oral report by the Director of UCL Library Services.

### ***Reported:***

- 10.2 UCL had received a grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation to create an online digital library of UCL's Special Collections related to Greek history and culture. The Provost would be announcing news of this formally at the official opening of the Flaxman Gallery oculus at the end of November 2012.
- 10.3 UCL, along with the Imperial war Museum and the National Library of Wales6rma/TT2 1 Tfo( )TjEMO

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**Reported:**

- 11.2 The revised Regulations now permitted eating and drinking in designated areas of the Library, although hot food and food in open containers were not allowed.

**Discussion:**

- 11.3 At the request of the UCL Union Education and Campaigns Officer, the Director of UCL Library Services agreed to look into how the Library's policy of automatically



**Discussion:**

- 12.4 The Director of UCL Library Services agreed to look into modelling the possible cost savings in VAT terms that would be associated with dispensing of the paper-based copies of journals once the paper copy had been received in UCL, allowing in practice only access to the digital equivalent.
- 12.5 Some members LC noted that there would need to be discussion at some point about adopting standardised viewing platform for viewing e-materials. It was agreed that as this would need to be considered in the context of the provision of IT provision, it should be referred to the Vice-Provost (Education)'s working group that was currently looking into this issue.

**ACTION: Dr Paul Ayris to flag with the Vice-Provost (Education)**

**13 MINUTES OF FACULTY LIBRARY COMMITTEES**

**Noted:**

- 13.1 Since the previous meeting of LC, the LC officers had received the Minutes of the following FLCs<sup>2</sup>:

Mathematical and Physical Sciences (28 June 2012)

**14 LIBRARY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12**

**Noted:**

- 14.1 At LC 1-08 (12-13), the LC Annual Report 2011-12.

**15 LIBRARY SERVICES PROJECTS REPORT**

**Noted:**

- 15.1 At LC 1-9 (12-13) a report on i) project bids currently submitted to and awaiting decision on funding from UCL and non-UCL funding sources, ii) project bids currently

**16 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

***Noted:***

16.1 The next meetings of LC were scheduled as follows:

**Tuesday 19 March 2013, 2-4pm, Ground floor meeting room, 2 Taviton Street**

**Tuesday 11 June 2013, 2-4pm, Ground floor meeting room, 2 Taviton Street**

*[Secretary's note: the March 2013 meeting has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 16 April 2013 at 11.30am in the Ground Floor meeting room at 2 Taviton Street)*

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