



LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Thursday 17 December 2015

MINUTES

	Academic Committee
APC	Article Processing Charge
FLC	Faculty Library Committee
IOE	Institute of Education
IT	Information Technology
LC	Library Committee
LERU	League of European Research Universities
MAPS	Mathematical and Physical Sciences
MSc	Master of Science
NHS	National Health Service
NSS	National Student Survey
OA	Open Access
RFID	Radiofrequency identification
SLMS	School of Life and Medical Sciences

<p style="text-align: center;">Preliminary business</p>
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1 TERMS OF REFERENCE, CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

[Paper 1-01 (15-16)]

1.1 **Received** – the constitution and 2015-16 membership and terms of reference of LC.

1.2 The Chair welcomed all the new members to LC.

2 MINUTES OF 4 JUNE 2015 MEETING

2.1 **Approved** – the Minutes of the LC meeting held on 4 June 2015 [LC Minutes 23-34, 2014-15].

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

[see also 4, 5 and 8 below]

- 4.4 A bid for £300,056 to enhance the Library's e-journal content had been submitted this year, with a further bid of the same amount to follow next year. E-journal content, which had remained relatively static over the last few years, was identified by the Academic departments as an area of need. It was suggested that Faculty Library Representatives ensure that Faculty Deans recognised the importance of growth in the Library's e-content and express their support for this bid to enhance research capability

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- 9.1 **Received** – an overview of the takeup of the ReadingLists@UCL service in the current academic year up to October 2015.
- 9.2 A target of 45% takeup of ReadingLists@UCL for courses with a Portico presence was achieved last year. This target had been increased to 55% for 2015-16, 65% for 2016-17 and 75% to 2017-18. Monthly readings of takeup were recorded and showed a 44% takeup in October 2015. A higher and more accurate baseline figure would be expected following the purging of expired courses on Moodle in February 2016. The Director of Library Services agreed to confirm this figure at the next LC meeting.

ACTION: Dr Paul Ayris

- 9.3 It was suggested that liaising with the Student Sabbatical Officers and the StARs network, as well as focusing specifically on courses with lower coverage rates, might be beneficial in promoting takeup of ReadingLists@UCL. It was noted that takeup had already been encouraged and that this would continue. Within the MAPS Faculty, some departments found it more efficient to have one

ACTION: Dr Paul Ayris

11 PEARSON E-BOOK LICENSING POLICY

- 11.1 **Received** – an oral report was provided on the difficulties encountered by the Department of Chemistry in delivering access to a particular Pearson textbook following changes to Pearson’s licensing model. Under this new model, single readership licenses must be purchased for e-book readership.
- 11.2 There had been adverse reaction from institutions across the UK to Pearson’s new business model, with at least one university actively revising Pearson books from its reading lists as a market response. It was suggested that textbooks could be produced via UCL Press, thereby increasing market competition. Dr Caroline Essex agreed to relay the above discussions to the Department of Chemistry and report back to the next LC meeting.

ACTION: Dr Caroline Essex

- 11.3 The Director of Library Services added that he, as chair of the JISC Electronic Information Resources Working Group, would be meeting Jisc Collections and Pearson in January to discuss a new e-book subscription model and would report back to the next LC meeting on the outcome of this discussion.

ACTION: Dr Paul Ayris

<p>Other matters for approval or information</p>

18.1 The next meetings of LC were scheduled to take place as follows:

Wednesday 2 March 2016, 2.30 – 4.00pm;

Thursday 2 June 2016, 10.30am – 12.00noon.

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