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## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Monday 19 March 2012

### MINUTES

*PRESENT:*

Professor David Price (Chair)  
Dr Paul Ayris  
Dr Mike Cope  
Dr Caroline Essex  
Mr Marco Federighi  
Dr Kenth Gustafsson  
Ms Caroline Hibbs  
Mr Rex Knight  
Professor Richard North  
Dr Hilary Richards  
Professor Philip Schofield  
Professor Anthony Smith

*In attendance:*

Mr Gary Hawes (Secretary)

Deleted: 'A member of the academic staff, nominated by the Chair'  
Inserted: 'One member of staff of SSEES, nominated by the Director of SSEES'.

**17 MINUTES OF 7 NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING**

**Confirmed:**

17.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting of LC, held on 7 November 2011 [*LC Mins. 1-15, 7.11.11 refer*].

**18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

*[see also Minutes 16 above and Minutes 20-22 and 28 below]*

**18A Long-term retention and relegation of paper-based library materials**

*[LC Min. 1, 7.11.11]*

**Received:**

18A.1 At LC 2-9 (11-12)

**19 INCREASE IN USE OF THE MAIN AND SCIENCE LIBRARIES**

**Received:**

- 19.1 An oral report by the Director of UCL Library Services on the presentation that he had given to the Provost's SMT on 8 March 2012, which had, amongst other things, drawn attention to the increase in footfall in the Main and Science Libraries over the last five years.

**Reported:**

- 19.2 The Director of UCL Library Services drew attention to the following:

The Main and Science Libraries had seen a 47% increase in physical visits over the last five years, up to 1.2m physical visits per year, but with no commensurate increase in space;

Following discussions between the Director of UCL Library Services, the Vice-Provost (Operations) and the Director of UCL Estates regarding the issue of overcrowding in the Library, working groups had been established to look at the use of the Old Refectory, the JBR and the former CATS Print Room as temporary additional student-centred learning spaces to ease the chronic congestion in advance of the full implementation of the UCL Masterplan.

**Discussion:**

- 19.3 The following main points were raised:

The suggestion of utilising the French corridor of the Main Library as contiguous overflow space would not be a viable option since it would not be practical in the short term to seek to rehouse the present occupants of this space;

24-hour opening was one of the factors responsible for attracting an increasing number of visitors to the UCL Main and Science Libraries, along with other factors such as newly refurbished spaces and cutting-edge library provision, all of which offered a more attractive environment for library users;

Students in the Faculty of Laws had expressed concern about the lack of space in the Laws section of the Library owing to the fact that it was a popular area of study for students from other disciplines. While it would not be possible or practical for Library Services to impose restrictions on access to the Donaldson Reading Room on students from other disciplines, the large increase in study space throughout the Library that would be realised through the implementation of the UCL Masterplan over the course of the next few years would help to address this issue. In addition, the work outlined in Minute 19.2 above would also provide more study spaces for users of the UCL Main Library,

**20 MASTERPLAN UPDATE**

[LC Min. 5, 7.11.11]

**Received:**

- 20.1 At LC 2-11 (11-12) an update report on UCL Masterplan developments pertaining to UCL Library Services, introduced by the Director of UCL Library Services.



Some LC members suggested that there might be scope for talking with Newham Council with a view to offering community library services for the general public, based on the UCL Stratford campus, for general public;

UCL might even consider talking to other major national library facilities with a view to engaging in discussions around a joint venture aimed at creating a considerable library presence in East London.

**21 LIBRARY SERVICES STRATEGY 2011-14 – PROGRESS REPORT**

training for other curricula if this was felt to be useful;

Library Services had been in discussion with the Vice-Provost (Education)'s office over the possibility of introducing core skills training for taught and research students during the remainder of the third term that followed on from the examination period, as a means of making more effective use of this period;

The AHSC e-resources pilot project – which was aimed at developing sustainable models for enhanced provision of access to high-quality e-content across NHS and academic staff – was continuing to the end of May 2012; however, Elsevier had recently ended its participation in this. Some LC members noted, however, that the final report from the independent BIS working group that was considering the prospect of securing a national licence deal for access to UK-funded research findings for the UK as a whole was also due in May 2012, and that the NHS would stand to be one of the principal beneficiaries in the event that a national licence deal was secured.

**22 SENATE HOUSE LIBRARY**

*[LC Min. 8, 7.11.11]*

data. The Vice-Provost (Operations) agreed to look into this issue on behalf of LC;

The high figures in terms of dwell time data were indicative of the fact that a large number of UCL students currently used the SHL for study space. However, logic suggested that these figures would go down in the wake of the implementation of the UCL Masterplan.

**RESOLVED:**

- 22.4** That the Vice-Provost (Operations) be asked to look into the issue of the sizeable discrepancies between the year-on-year SHL usage data for both UCL and the School of Pharmacy along with the reliability and validity of these data. **Action:**





**26 ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE**

**Noted:**

- 26.1 Since the previous meeting of LC, the Chair of LC had taken action on behalf of LC to i) approve the amendment to LC's constitution set out at Minute 16.1 above and ii) approve the revised version of LC's Annual Report at Minute 18B.1 above.

**27 LIBRARY SERVICES PROJECTS**

**Noted:**

- 27.1 At LC 2-15 (11-12) a report on i) project bids currently submitted to and awaiting decision on funding from UCL and non-UCL sources, ii) project bids currently funded from UCL and non-UCL sources, iii) an overview of project funding for Library Services and iv) project bids that Library Services would be bidding for in the coming months.

**28 LIBRARY OPEN FORUM**

[LC Min. 9, 7.11.11]

**Noted:**

- 28.1 At LC 2-16 (11-12) details of the schedule for the Library Open Forum which would take place from 2.00-3.30pm on Wednesday 28 March 2012 in the AV Lecture Theatre.

**29 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**29A Withdrawal of student access to the LSE Library during the examination period**

**Reported:**

- 29A.1 The Director of UCL Library Services drew attention to the following:

The LSE had notified other UoL colleges that it would be withdrawing access to its Library for non-LSE UoL taught course students for the duration of the forthcoming examination period, although access would continue to be granted to researchers, research students and fee-paying intercollegiate students – as well as to undergraduate students who required access to LSE library materials, provided that they had proof of evidence;

SOAS had confirmed that it would also be withdrawing access to its Library for non-SOAS UoL taught students during the same period, as well as during the period of the London Olympic Games;

UCL Library Services colleagues had recommended that UCL should take measures to restrict access to its own Library during the examination period and London Olympic Games period.

- 29A.2 Although it was agreed that UCL should take measures to withdraw access rights to LSE and SOAS students during the examination period and period of the London Olympic Games (where access was withdrawn for UCL students), some members of LC noted that it would not be appropriate, for the time-being

at least, to extend the withdrawal of access rights to students of other UoL colleges generally. Instead, it was agreed that UCL should only take such measures in instances where other UoL colleges withdrew library access rights for UCL students.

**RESOLVED:**

- 29A.3 That Library Services take measures to withdraw access rights to the UCL Library for LSE and SOAS students during the forthcoming examination period and period of the London Olympic Games.**

**Action:  
Dr Paul  
Ayris**

**30 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

***Noted:***

- 30.1 The next meetings of LC had been scheduled as follows:

Thursday 14 June 2012, 2.30pm  
Tuesday 8 November 2012, 2.00pm  
Tuesday 19 March 2013, 2.00pm  
Tuesday 11 June 2013, 2.00pm

- 30.2 All meetings would take place in the Ground Floor meeting room, 2 Taviton Street.

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